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RATS AND BUGS IN HOSPITALS

RATS, mice, cockroaches, wasps and ants have blighted hospitals in Sandwell over the past five years, figures show.

Reports included cockroaches in catering areas, near patients waiting in A&E and even rodents near a mortuary.

There were 954 sightings of pests at Sandwell Hospital, Rowley Regis Hospital and City Hospital between 2006 and last April.

Pest controllers dealt with 352 sightings at Sandwell Hospital alone – including 52 of cockroaches in catering areas.

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More recent examples include rats near a staff smoking area and skip in January and cockroaches in a reception in December.

A kitchen at the West Bromwich hospital had to be treated for cockroaches and a wasp nest was removed.

Rodents were discovered in a kitchen and mortuary and cockroaches were also spotted near A&E and the pharmacy last May. The hospital was also treated for rats and mice.

Inspections

Meanwhile, pest controllers visited Rowley Regis Hospital on 39 occasions. Ants were found in the X-ray department and rodents near the mortuary door.

The details, released under the Freedom of Information Act, also revealed there were 565 cases at City Hospital in Birmingham, including ants in maternity and rodents in reception.

Pest controllers also removed an ants nest and tackled "crawling insects" in the neurophysiology and maternity departments.

Sarah Conlon, spokesman for Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs the hospitals, said: "Regular routine inspections of catering outlets and kitchens are undertaken to ensure nothing is undetected.

"The trust is confident we are able to deal with pests appropriately and is proactive in managing potential problems and taking all appropriate steps in the prevention of pests.

"There is no food safety issue in the trust."

Rotarian Michael Middleton, left, and senior vice president George Sanders present Yvonne Smith, administration manager at Sandwell Young Carers, with Easter eggs

Eggs-ellent way to thank young carers

WEDNESBURY Rotary Club played Easter Bunny, delivering 24 Easter eggs to Sandwell Young Carers.

The eggs will be distributed to borough youngsters who look after family members with physical or mental problems.

George Sanders, senior vice president of the club and member Michael Middleton made the presentation. He said: "These children find themselves in very difficult circumstances and we want to do all we can to show them that what they do is appreciated."

Dreams

Last year's president Peter Rainsford presented the charity with a wishing well when eggs were last delivered 12 months ago. Since then youngsters have been invited to post their dreams and wishes.

Mr Middleton said: "Already we have taken children for rides in a limousine and we are taking eight youngsters to West Midland Safari Park."

Fund boost for town revamp

A £4 MILLION funding bid which will be used to dramatically transform the face of West Bromwich town centre has been approved.

Sandwell Council applied to the European Regional Development Fund for the money to go towards an £8.2m scheme which will see a public square, sculptures and greenery in the heart of the town.

Council chief executive Jan Britton said subject to contract, the bid had been a success. It includes a pedestrian link between the £200m new Tesco site and Dartmouth Park.

On the blog site Word on the Street he said the bid was approved at a meeting of the Advantage West Midlands Board on Friday.

"The total programme has a value of £8.2m of which £4.1m has been approved from new ERDF funding, subject to contract," he said. "The remaining balance of funds will come from the council, partners and other projects.

"The ERDF programme will run until 2015, to improve major public spaces and "join up" new developments around the town centre, including Tesco, Providence Place (All Saints Business Park), Sandwell College, Eastern Gateway and Dartmouth Park. The aim is to improve the town centre, encouraging inward investment and job creation."

Plaza

The plans include improving the pedestrianised High Street at Duchess Parade and Princess Parade, concentrating on entrances at New Street and Bull Street and the crossing between Kings Square and Queens Square.

There will also be the creation of Metro Plaza, a public square linking West Bromwich Central tram station with Sandwell College and the town centre.

Other key priorities include linking Sandwell College to the town centre, linking Providence Place to the High Street and upgrading the Reform Street Bridge to newly restored Dartmouth Park.

Mr Britton said the successful bid would provide the "glue" that holds the new town centre together.

Nursery scheme is proposed for a former bail hostel

A FORMER bail hostel in Great Barr could be redeveloped into a children's day nursery under new plans.

A private developer has applied to transform the hostel in Hamstead Road, Great Barr, to create a nursery for up to 30 children.

Applicant Faith Cummings says the project, for children agedup to five, will create up to 12 jobs if it is approved.

Ms Cummings said the bail hostel closed down a few months ago. "It caused some problems with neighbours," she said. "I have spoken to some of the neighbours and reassured them about the plans."

The nursery would make use of the existing building's six rooms, with a baby room, baby sleep room, pre-toddler room, toddler room and two pre-school rooms. It would be open from 7.30am to 6.30pm.

The front of the building would be very slightly adapted.

There would be a ramp to the front door allowing access for prams and pushchairs.

The ground floor would have two children's toilets installed. Landscaping would take place to make the garden more child-friendly.

The site, near Hamstead train station on Old Walsall Road, would have seven car parking spaces and is situated near Hamstead train station on Old Walsall Road.

Sandwell Council is expected to make a decision on the scheme later this year.

Rachel Fenemer, front, and Rachel Smith get ready for a host of St George's day activities at the Manor House museum in West Bromwich

A knight in the museum

THE Manor House museum in West Bromwich will be holding a St George's day event on Monday.

The event at the museum on the Hall Green Road will be opened by a Winston Churchill lookalike, who will be welcoming guests from 11am.

Over the day there will be a birds of prey display, a hog roast, fire juggling jesters and a brass band, as well as craft workshops and an appearance from St George including a performance of George and the Dragon by the Inner State theatre company.

Entry to the event is free but some activities carry a small charge. For more information contact (0121) 553 0759.

Lorry firm to create jobs

A LORRY hire firm is relocating to a new base in Sandwell, creating 22 jobs.

Phoenix Vehicle Hire, of Woden Road West, Wednesbury, is taking over a 1.4 acre site on Burntree Industrial Estate.

The estate straddles Groveland Road and Dudley Road West in Tividale and the company will be taking over empty units. The 20-year-old firm hires cleaning trucks to councils across the West Midlands.Plans sent to Sandwell Council say the move will bring 22 jobs into the area with the Tividale site becoming the hub for 25 heavy goods vehicles.

Developers say movement in and out of the site will not disturb nearby residents.

Robert Csondor, from Droitwich-based RCA Regeneration, said: "This change of use seeks to retain local employment opportunities on the site and investment in an area that has had limited investment to date."

He said the low number of lorries will minimise any disturbance to people.

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Fans receive Poppy praise

ALBION goalkeeper Scott Carson, left, and captain Chris Brunt hand over a cheque for more than £8,000 to Dave Reeve and Alison Bates of the Royal British Legion after the Baggies' fundraising efforts for Remembrance Day in November. The Baggies raised money from the auction of poppy-embroidered match shirts from the home Premier League game against Manchester City. Brunt said: "The generosity of the fans in raising so much money in these difficult times is amazing. The money is going to a great cause that does such valuable work." The RBL is after volunteers in West Bromwich to contact Alison at abates@britishlegion.org.uk or on 07920 806092.

Borough's jobless figures stay static

UNEMPLOYMENT fell by 17,000 to 2.48 million last month.

But there was little cheer in Sandwell, where figures remained static.

Nationally, 16 to 24-year-old unemployment edged closer to a million, hitting 963,000 – its highest since records began in 1992.

In the West Midlands the jobless fell by 4,000 in the three months to February to 260,000.

But it is still one of the worst-hit areas in the country, with unemployment currently at 9.7 per cent.

The number claiming jobseeker's allowance rose last month by 700 to 1.45 million, said the Office for National Statistics.

In Sandwell the numbers claiming jobseeker's allowance was unchanged at 12,981 – 7.1 per cent of the working population.

The count in Birmingham was down 95 to 46,975 or seven per cent.

Arrested child was carrying shotgun

HUNDREDS of children from across the West Midlands were arrested for possessing offensive weapons including knives and a shotgun in the past two years.

In Sandwell, 41 children under the age of 16 were held in 2009 and 2010.

Of the 402 children arrested by West Midlands Police, 33 took an offensive weapon to school.

There were 25 arrests for having a blade in school and seven for having a weapon capable of discharging poisonous gas. One child had a shotgun.

Peter Bradley of national charity Kidscape, which works to keep children free from harm, described the figures as worrying.

"It shows that initiatives warning youngsters about the dangers of carrying weapons are not working," he said.

"Many organisations across the country teaching youngsters about the dangers of guns and knives are being cut or even withdrawn, but these figures show we need them as much as ever.

" The issue of why a child feels the need to be armed has to be tackled."

Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council portfolio holder for safer neighbourhoods, said: "I am shocked.

"Parents and teachers need to work with youngsters to warn them about the potential consequences of carrying a gun or a knife."

Vulnerable children's personal details leaked

SENSITIVE details of vulnerable children in Sandwell were accidentially leaked seven times in just two months by council workers.

The leaks at Sandwell Council included personal data about children which should have been sent internally but was accidentally sent by fax to Sandwell Homes in February.

In the same month, a child welfare report meant for a solicitor was faxed to a member of the public and a youngster's special needs statement went in a letter to another child's parents.

In March data for Birmingham Social Services about another child went to the British Deaf Association.

The council breached the Data Protection Act 16 times in the last three years a Freedom of Information Act request showed. Information sent to Sandwell Homes and the British Deaf Association was destroyed, the child welfare report was retrieved and the special needs statement was later forwarded correctly.

Other errors included a child assessment and a letter about access rights sent to wrong addresses and a parenting programme emailed to the incorrect solicitor.

Sandwell Council spent £101,644 for encryption technology on laptops to avoid such leaks in spring 2009 and had a £26,403 annual bill for software.

Jan Britton, interim chief executive, said: "We are sorry for the breaches that have happened. But the plain fact is that mistakes can happen in an organisation with thousands of employees which handles such a variety of data.

"We constantly review our procedures to see how they are working and have toughened them up in response to the breaches that have happened. We also have strict procedures on reporting data breaches, which go beyond those of many other public organisations."

One worker's CV was sent to another employee before going to the correct person

Ash's book on revision passes test

A FATHER who created a book to help his daughter revise for her exams is celebrating after Waterstone's agreed to stock it nationally.

Ash Sharma, aged 42, turned his 10-year-old daughter Nicole's homework questions into a crossword to encourage her to learn.

Mr Sharma, of Newton Road, Great Barr, then published the book and sold hundreds of copies on a website before approaching the book chain.

He said: "The store in Sutton Coldfield agreed to pilot it and it has been a big success.

"There is a lot of excitement at Waterstone's and the book is now on its recommendation list to all parents."

Mr Sharma has now published a maths version of the book, which was originally an aid to English studies, and hopes to get stationery giant WH Smith interested too.

The part-time carer said: "I am going to the London Book Fair this week where I will be speaking to several book publishers with regard to copyright.

"As a parent with no experience in this industry I can't believe how things have developed. It was a total accident.

Turn

"I spent many evenings helping Nicole with revision homework but it was always hard to get her to sit down and actually start the work.

"I started to turn some of the questions into a crossword and whenever we sat down she asked 'can we do a crossword?' She was actually enjoying it.

"It got to a stage that I had done enough to produce the book."

Football trouble fan given long ban

A FOOTBALL fan from Rowley Regis has been banned from matches for 10 years and jailed for violent behaviour at a Champions League match.

Manchester United follower Matthew Bolton, aged 26, admitted breaching the peace before a game against Rangers in Glasgow.

Bolton, of Dudley Close, was jailed for nine months and handed one of the longest football orders issued by a Scottish court. Glasgow Sheriff Court heard how he broke through a cordon of police officers and police horses to get to a group of Rangers fans.

A Crown Office spokesman said he had a number of previous convictions from English courts for football-related disorder.

Miss Lesley Thomson, prosecuting, said: "Disorderly conduct and violence at football matches will not be tolerated."

Bill, still a 'paperboy' at 80

Bill Gunn still delivering papers at 80

WHILE other pensioners are putting their feet up and reading the papers an 80-year-old is out delivering them.

Bill Gunn, of Waddington Avenue, Great Barr, spends both morning and evening on his round and says he has no plans to give it up.

Mr Gunn, who believes he could be the oldest paper boy in the country, first started delivering papers for Jayshaw Stores, Jayshaw Avenue, Great Barr nine years ago as a way of getting exercise.

He said: "I used to take my German Shepherd dog out for a long walk every day but he developed cancer and was he unable to go.

Help

"I decided I needed to continue to do the exercise to keep myself healthy, so I took up the round and I have never looked back."

He used to help his daughter do her round more than 40 years ago. The great grandfather said: "She was 13, and I was her bag carrier."

Widower Mr Gunn said it takes him around 90 minutes to do this round of around 40 papers.

He said he has never had a day off and even battled through the snow during winter.

Making crime pay

CONVICTED criminals have completed a £333,300 worth of unpaid work in Sandwell's six towns as part of a community payback scheme. The work included removing graffiti in Langley, decorating St James youth club on the Lion Farm estate, rubbish removal in Tividale and a clean up of Smethwick High Street. The offenders were supervised while completing more than 58,000 hours work in Sandwell during 2010-11.

On shortlist

SANDWELL Council has been shortlisted for two awards. Sandwell is a finalist in the Best Local Government Project Team and Best Waste Project categories at the 2011 Partnerships Bulletin Awards.

School reunion

A REUNION for ex-pupils and staff of St Michael's C of E High School in Rowley Regis takes place on Saturday, May 7. It marks the end of an era as the school moves from Throne Road to Rowley Learning Campus in Hawes Lane this summer.

More details at the www.mickiesfarewell.co.uk website.

Woods rolling to fun of Easter

WARLEY Woods Community Trust will be holding its Easter event on Easter Monday.

There will be an Easter egg roll down the meadow's long bank with prizes for the furthest rolls. If you have a decorated egg, you can enter the painted egg competition. There will also be an egg trail with clues which will lead visitors through the woods to the pavilion where hot cross buns and hot drinks will be available. There will be a raffle for a giant chocolate bunny.

Anyone who would like to take part should bring their hard boiled eggs to the Upper St Mary's at 11am. Entry into all activities is £1. Any queries, call 0121 420 1061.

Ex-cadets get celebration call

THE 425 (Aldridge) Squadron Air Training Corps is celebrating its 70th birthday with an open afternoon on Sunday, May 8 at its headquarters in Station Road, Aldridge.

The corps draws from Wasall and Great Barr and all former cadets are welcome to attend to share experiences and see what the current generation gets up. For more details email adj.425@aircadets.org

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BMW hijacked by a masked gang

A GANG of masked men forced a couple from their BMW during a car-jacking in Smethwick on Wednesday of last week.

The man and woman "feared for their safety" as they were threatened with an unknown weapon before being forced out of their car in Londonderry Lane after stopping to allow three men to cross the road at about 11pm. But the men surrounded their blue BMW 318. One of the offenders ordered the 25-year-old driver to get out of the vehicle, threatening him with a weapon concealed inside a black bag. The man and his partner got out of the car and the three men then jumped in and drove off, towards the junction with Thimblemill Road.

iPhone

The victim was also forced to hand over his iPhone.

Detective Inspector Gary Dring appealed for witnesses, adding: "This young couple were understandably shaken and feared for their safety during this robbery but were otherwise uninjured."

The offenders wore balaclavas. Witnesses should call 0800 555111.

False claims for £44,000 benefits

A CLEANER falsely claimed more than £44,000 in benefits after failing to declare that she was living with her partner, a court heard.

Mother-of-two Lorraine Sullivan, of Lawrence Road, Cradley Heath, pleaded guilty to three charges. The charges involved falsely claiming housing benefit, council tax, income support and job-seekers allowance between December 2005 and December 2009.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court: "She was claiming as a single parent who was living alone. But in December 2005 she was living with her partner and she failed to declare the changes in her circumstances."

Investigations by Sandwell Council found that her partner had used the 40-year-old's address for credit checks and to register a car with the DVLA.

Mr Jackson told the court that in total, Sullivan falsely claimed £12,777 in housing benefit, £2,557 in council tax benefit and £28,783 in income support and jobseekers allowance.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said she had not told the authorities about her change in circumstances due to her uncertainty about her relationship with her partner. He said that she did not expect the relationship to blossom. He added that the prosecution had a "dire effect" on Sullivan's health and that she has a severe alcohol problem.

Judge Michael Challinor said: "It was quite clear that you were not fraudulently claiming from the start... you weren't sure whether your partner was going to stay with you."

Judge Challinor sentenced Sullivan to 26 weeks in prison suspended for 18 months. He ordered her to complete 200 hours of unpaid work and ordered her to pay £500 costs.

Six arrested as lambs found tied up in cars

SHEEP rustling is on the increase across the country as the price of lamb increases.

It comes as the price of lamb shot up from from £2.70 per kg to more than £4 per kg.

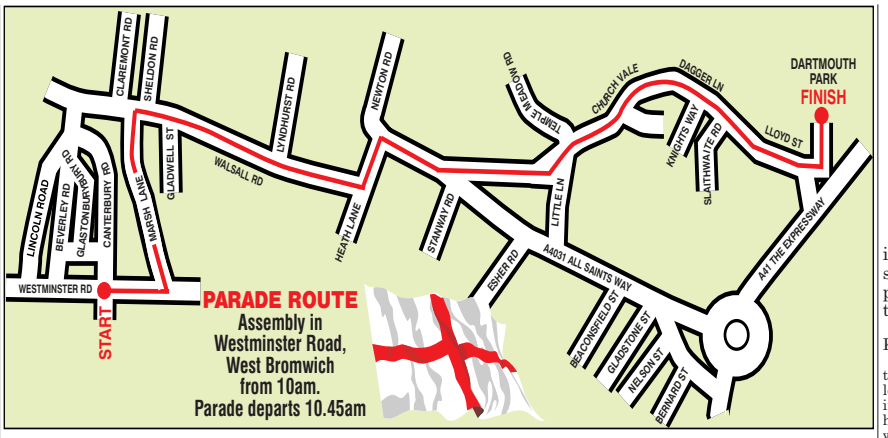
The news comes after 16 lambs were discovered tied up in the boot, back seat and footwell of two cars stopped between between Junctions 1 and 2, of the M5, for West Bromwich and Oldbury last week.

Lisa-Marie Nelson, spokeswoman for Warwickshire-based NFU Mutual, said: "We have had about 10 years where crime was at a very low level but it has taken off again."

Distressed

Acting Inspector Rob Barker, from Central Motorway Police Group, said the discovery of the lambs in the cars was a first for his officers. He said: "The two cars were stopped in relation to another matter and we were stunned to find the lambs inside, bound up with string and clearly distressed. Six people were in the cars and were arrested at the scene."

The six people arrested, all Romanian nationals, have been released on bail.



Final big push at patriotic parade

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A FINAL fundraising push is being made for the Black Country's biggest St George's Day parade.

At the start of this week organisers of the event in West Bromwich still needed to raise more than £3,000 before Sunday's event.

But they have vowed that the parade will be held regardless of whether the £10,000 target is reached. Fundraising will also be held on the day.

The parade has become one of Sandwell's most popular events and now attracts tens of thousands of people every year.

It is organised by the Stone Cross St George Association who have to find the £10,000 funding themselves.

Event spokesman Mark Cowles said: "We thank the people who have been to our fundraising events in the past. Without their support, the parade wouldn't happen.

"Whatever happens, the event is going to go ahead and we will also be fundraising on the day.

Carnival

"We must stress that the parade is definitely going ahead, and we will have a carnival-type event."

More than 20,000 people are expected to join the parade through the town. For the first time, attractions will be waiting for them at the end, including stalls, fairground rides and refreshment stalls at Dartmouth Park.

Attractions include a hawk display, a Viking settlement, morris dancers, Walsall Coronets Marching Band, the England Supporters Band, Baggie Bird, a vintage scooter display, craft stalls, bouncy castles, food vans and stalls, the Pat Collins fun fair and a Help for Heroes stall.

Anyone who wants to get involved should call Lynne Whitehouse on 07834156816 or send an email to stgeorgeparade @aol.com.

Timetable for celebration

West Bromwich St George's Day Parade on Sunday, April 24:

10am – Meet at Westminster Road, West Bromwich, where there will be music, morris dancers and speeches. The event will be compered by broadcaster Adrian Goldberg.

10.45am – Parade leaves Westminster Road, through Marsh Lane, Walsall Road, Heath Lane, All Saints Way and Dagger Lane, for Dartmouth Park.

11.45am – Royal British Legion meet the parade and lead them to the park where wreaths will be laid at the cenotaph.

Noon – A bugle player will play The Last Post.

12.05pm – Start of carnival event in the park.

Battle of the sexes for cancer charity

Kick-off – organisers Jane Edwards and Josie Beckett with youngsters Larissa Smith and Mia Arnold, three

STAFF at care agency All & Small Ltd, in Wednesbury, are preparing for a football match with a twist at the weekend.

Nine female care workers will take on 18 male footballers in a challenge match – but to even things up the men will be tied together.

The cheerleaders will add some glamour to Sunday's event, which organisers hope will raise more than £1,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Organiser Josie Beckett, care co-ordinator at All & Small, said: "We decided to have the match because we are a care company and we deal with cancer a lot on a day-to-day basis."

The match kicks off at 6pm and will take place on the artificial pitch at Pulse fitness centre in Friar Park Road, Wednesbury.

Gun threat robber is sent to jail

A TEENAGED robber who pointed an imitation handgun at a pursuer after stealing a phone from a girl in a Sandwell park has been locked up for more than three years.

After serving his sentence Iraq-born Kaiwan Kadir may be deported back to his homeland.

Eighteen-year-old Kadir on December 4 grabbed the mobile from the girl and ran off after asking to look at her text messages, just two days after receiving a suspended sentence for damaging a bus with a hammer, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

The 17-year-old girl's boyfriend gave chase through Harry Mitchell Park, Smethwick, where there were other members of the public including children. Prosecutor Mark Rees said: "The defendant then turned round, pulled out a gun and pointed it at his pursuer while appearing to cock it."

Kadir was known to the girl and after police went to his home in Linchmere Road, Handsworth, where they discovered the missing mobile but could find no trace of the gun.

John Evans, defending, said the missing weapon was an imitation capable of firing plastic pellets which was not loaded when produced in the park and had since been "disposed of."

Two days before the incident in the park Kadir had been given a 12 month suspended period of detention after trying to smash the windows of a bus in Birmingham City Centre with a hammer when he and other youths were accused of using forged travel passes.

Judge Nicholas Webb told Kaidir: "That was an atrocious display of violence which put people in fear but just two days after being sentenced you stole a mobile phone and pointed a gun that anybody looking at would not have known was imitation. This was a nasty crime."

Kadir was given 27 months detention in a young offenders institution for possessing an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and for the robbery with a further 12 months added with the implementation of the suspended sentence making a total term of three years three months behind bars.

When released he could be deported.

'Hot desking' bid to save money

PLANS to introduce 'hot-desking' for staff at Sandwell Council could save the cash-strapped authority £3.5 million a year, it has emerged.

The authority needs to save £75m over the next four years. It is proposed to shut at least four offices and see hundreds of staff share desk space at the council's Freeth Street base in Oldbury. There are also hundreds of redundancies planned.

Sharing desks will be brought in later this year when 400 council staff move into the new BT Liberata building in West Bromwich. It is planned to allow 900 people to use the space on a shared basis.

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Memories hop off page in Bunny's new book

AN ENTERTAINER has written a book on his life in showbiz. Thomas Bunn, who was known on stage as Bunny Thomas, has just published his first book.

Sorry Darlings It's Way Past Time which talks of his life, loves and work.

Mr Bunn, aged 60, was brought up in Bolton Road, West Bromwich, and spent time living in Dial Lane. H book recalls his time growing up in the Black Country.

Much of it is dedicated to his time in showbusinesses where he worked as a comedian and entertainer, initially in venues in the West Midlands and then others all over the UK.

The book is full of anecdotes about his famous friends including details of how he met Larry Grayson.

He said: "I first met Larry doing his first Panto in 1970 at the Birmingham Hippodrome. He would spend ages just staring into the mirror at his face commenting on the lines he could see there. From working in the panto we became great friends."

The book also recalls his friendships with Joan Turner, Dorothy Squires, Peter Wyngarde and Bob Monkhouse. He added: "My act was always cheeky and camp, I would dress up in a bunny suit. In the early days it was a bit risqué but I suppose it got more sophisticated as I got older."

Another side of his life was his work as a psychiatrist. He discovered he wanted to work in a psychiatric ward when he worked as a volunteer at Sandwell Hospital.

He said: "I was doing voluntary work and one of the nurses suggested I should train to work in the psychiatric field, so I did."

Mr Bunn worked for four years at Highcroft Hospital in Erdington. He also worked in All Saints Hospital, Birmingham. He added: "There are lots of little stories, funny stories about my time working on the psychiatric wards."

Mr Bunn, who now lives in mid-Wales, said he decided to write the book after the death of his long-term partner Dennis Docherty.

"I suppose I wrote it in dedication to him, and because he was such a huge part of my life," he said.

Thomas Bunn

Cash plea for garden of peace

A BEREAVEMENT centre in the Oldbury has launched an appeal to create a peaceful garden for its clients.

Cruse Bereavement Care needs to raise £2,500 to fund the addition to its Sandwell branch base in Pope's Lane.

Andrew Moore, from the centre, said: "We do have our own garden but it is not fit enough for members of the public to receive counselling in or walk around to remember their loved ones.

"We want to turn it into a bereavement garden which will be free for anyone to visit and to receive counselling within.

"Cruse is facing funding cuts and we are struggling to continue to service the people of Sandwell.

"The garden would help to keep the funding we currently receive and further assist people who have suffered a bereavement as they would be able to come and gain healing from our garden, have a memorial plaque put up in the garden, read books, enjoy a cup of coffee and receive counselling.

"The garden would make people feel like they were in a whole new world and we want to help people in Sandwell as much as possible."

Last year the branch provided nearly 2,000 hours of free bereavement counselling and saw 500 clients.

To help, email cruse.sandwell@gmail.com or ring 0121 544 4510.

Crematorium café is open

WORK to create new offices, a café, courtyard and improved parking at West Bromwich's £3.25million crematorium is complete. The new chapel opened last summer.

The Courtyard Café opened two weeks ago and is run by former bereavement services officer Sharon Voice.

Sandwell Council's bereavement services manager Brendan Day said he was very pleased that the project was now complete.

"The new offices, café and walled garden have replaced what was the old 1960s chapel," he said.

"Many mourners who have visited the old crematorium in the past have commented on what a difference the new chapel has made – it's just so light and bright compared to the old building.

"And now we have a café for people who are coming for a service or to lay flowers, we hope visitors will find the whole experience a little easier."

Man took his partner's drugs

A MAN who had recently had a heart bypass died after taking his partner's pain medication, an inquest heard.

Patricia Hughes, of Apple Grove in Cradley Heath, told the inquest at Smethwick Council House she had been with her 57-year-old partner Brandon Collins the night before his death.

Miss Hughes told the inquest she is on a morphine for her osteoporosis and spinal deterioration.

She said on the morning last December 21 she had left Mr Collins to go to the doctors. She said when she returned at around 10.15am: "I found he was cold."

The inquest heard that police had found empty bottles of the medication in the bin and toxicology reports revealed Mr Collins who had lived on Rotton Park Road, Edgbaston, had fatal levels of opiates in his blood.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said Mr Collins had died as a result of an accident.

Families fight for school places

FAMILIES are battling against Sandwell Councils after their children failed to get into their first choice secondary school.

Parents are appealing against decisions made by the education authority in a bid to get pupils into the schools which they prefer.

Sandwell has so far received187 appeals, clocking up. It comes after 976 youngsters missed out on their top choice secondary school in the borough for this September.

Archives go online to help access to history

A TOTAL of 140,000 documents held in Sandwell Council archives have been placed on the internet as part of a three year programme to improve access. Documents including the Chances Glass archives, as well as records of firms including Accles & Pollock, Patent Shaft, GKN and Kenrick & Jefferson are available to view online.

The Chance Archives alone have been accessed 270 times. The collection, given to the council in 2007, includes newspaper cuttings, photos, films and letters. It has been available electronically since last year.Sandwell Community History and Archive Service staff have started to upload 3,000 photographs taken throughout the decades onto the public website.

Some of the oldest include sketches dating back to the 1830s.

Sandwell borough archivist Sarah Chubb said: "We are keen to get as many of our archives on line as possible to make the accessible to the widest possible audience.

"Pictures seem to be what most people are interested so work has now began to upload them.

"Scenes include images of the area as well as drawings and photographs of products that were produced here across the decades."

The service is keen to extend its digital operation.

Discuss

On Saturday it held a Hack Day at The Public, in which IT experts looked at ways it can make access easier and quicker.

Archivists want to discuss chances of developing iphone applications and social media links using websites Facebook or Flickr.

Linda Ellis, project manager said before the event: "We are really excited about working with local web enthusiasts and are looking forward to hearing their ideas of how we can work together to make our data more accessible, interesting and useful.

"We hope that developers who are interested in using our data will come along."

Information is available online via the Black Country History website at http://blackcountryhistory.org

Petition protest over hostel

Gaz Khan and Habeeb Khan with the petition

MORE THAN 200 people have a signed a petition calling for a Tipton bail hostel to be closed.

Residents who live near the controversial property in Church Street say there has been an increase in crime since it opened three years ago.

Street brawls, noise and police being called to the property at 5am are some of the problems people living in Church Street say they are having to deal with.

After numerous meetings with police and council officers a group of local residents have collected more than 200 names on a petition calling on the council to take action. Gaz Khan, aged 30, who lives near the hostel, managed by Stonham, said it was actually opened by Dudley Council despite being in the Sandwell area.

He said: "I think it shows the strength of feeling that it only took us two days to collect this many signatures, I think we could have collected many more."

Known as a Bass, a Bail Accommodation and Support Service, it caters for people who would normally be living in the community on bail but do not have anywhere to stay.

The petition will be given to Sandwell Council and passed on to Dudley Council.

Bogus treeman targets elderly

RESIDENTS are being warned to remain vigilant after elderly residents were targeted by a man posing as a tree surgeon who fleeced them of hundreds of pounds.

He first struck in December last year when an 86-year-old woman was targeted in Great Barr.

The man entered her house after claiming he was sent to chop a tree down.

Once inside, he took £300 from cupboard before making off.

On February 16 he targeted two victims in Perry Barr.

At 8.10am, a man knocked on the door of an 83-year-old woman and told her he needed to remove a tree from her back garden at a cost of £350.

When the woman questioned this and went to ring her son, the man quickly made-off. No money was taken.

Another visit was made to a second address at 9.45am and again he claimed he needed to remove a tree from the garden.

On this occasion, the 95-year-old victim handed over £220 before the man drove-off in a silver transit van.

Described

The latest attempt was on March 21 in Kingstanding where the man tried to get money off an 89-year-old woman for gardening work.

Each victim has described the man as white, approximately 6ft 1in and of large build.

Det Con Della Winters, said: "We believe the four incidents may have been by the same man."

Call police on 0345 113 5000.

Bakers deliver hospice treat

EMPLOYEES from a West Bromwich bakery delivered a surprise array of Easter gifts and a cash donation to a children's hospice in Walsall.

Staff from Allied Bakeries, which manufactures Kingsmill bread, dressed up as Easter bunnies and spent the afternoon handing out freshly baked hot cross buns, toys and chocolate eggs to each child at the hospice.

Mark Koppell, commercial manager for the bakery, said: "Our bakery staff found it very rewarding to spend time with the children at Acorns, treating them all to some Easter gifts."

Carl Cadman, volunteers manager at Acorns, said: "Surprise visits from companies such as Allied Bakeries provide a real boost to the children and families at the hospice."

Memorial time running out

FAMILIES of fallen Wednesbury soldiers whose names have not appeared on the town's new war memorial have three weeks to register details.

The £50,000 memorial, honouring 1,060 heroes who died in the First and Second World Wars, was unveiled in 2010 following years of campaigning from the Wednesbury War Memorial Group.

Members campaigned for the monument in Wednesbury Memorial Gardens to record the names of the dead as the original, commissioned in the 1920s, did not include them.

Fred Barnfield, from the group, said: "We did everything possible to get all the names on and spent five years researching those not already recorded in the town's Book of Remembrance.

Looking

"However, we have relatives of one Wednesbury man whose name was not included come forward, and are looking for any more. His name was Richard E Owen, a leading aircraftman, who was is buried in Karachi in Pakistan.

"We have held a meeting with the stonemason, who is able to add the new name.

"However, it is virtually the same price, whether he adds one or 10, so if there is anyone else who fears a name has been left out, we would like them to get in touch."

Call Mr Barnfield on 0121 502 5903 by May 5.

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Aston and Lilian Gordon celebrate the golden wedding

Love wins through for golden couple

AN OLDBURY couple have marked their golden wedding in a celebration in the church where they first met in the 1950s.

Aston and Lilian Gordon celebrated 50 years of marriage at the Smethwick Gospel Hall with a service and reception for more than 120 family members and friends.

Seventy-nine-year-old Aston Gordon immigrated to England from Jamaica in 1954 after struggling to find work.

He was introduced to Lilian Presdee, aged 74,and the two began dating in secret just as many mixed race couples had to at the time.

Mr Gordon said: "When Lilian's landlady found out we were engaged to be married she chased me down the street and shouted that if she had a gun she would shoot me. Not bad for an elderly woman who used a wheelchair."

After marrying in 1961 the couple settled in Stanley Road, Oldbury, and raised six children.

They now have 11 grandchildren with a 12th on the way. Speaking at the service on April 9, Mr Gordon said: "To all the people who were against us at the time we met, I have one thing to say; I have won!

"I still have my beautiful wife beside me 50 years later. I am truly a lucky man."

Mr Gordon was a carpenter with Bryants, in Garretts Green..

The original Gospel Hall in Hume Street was demolished to make way for the Windmills Shopping Centre. A replacement, where the celebration was held, was build in Windmill Lane.

Cutting the wedding cake

Junction gets safety moves to slow traffic

ROAD safety measures worth £50,000 are to be installed in Smethwick this week in a bid to slow speeding drivers.

Work will be carried out at the St Mary's Road-Lightwoods Road junction. Traffic calming speed tables will be introduced and speed limits slashed to 20mph under the improvements.

The work, which will force temporary road closures, follows calls for action from a nearby hairdresser whose salon was damaged three times in just over a year by drivers flouting the speed limit.

Julie Harper has run CJ International on St Mary's Road for 10 years and complained to the council about the junction with Lightwoods Road.

Last month a driver crossed the junction and, after swerving to avoid another car, careered into concrete bollards and her fence outside the hairdressing salon – less than a year after a similar crash last June when staff were working inside the shop.

In February last year a car smashed into the give-way sign and then into the front of the shop. Sandwell Council will now start work next week on traffic calming measures.

Closures

While the works are being carried out there will be temporary road closures at Abbey Road from its junction with Pitcairn Road to its junction with Alexander Road and St Marys Road, Milcote Road and Lightwoods Road.

Mrs Harper, aged 50, has welcomed the safety measures, although she had pushed for a stop sign to be introduced.

She said: "I just hope it is going to work but I have got my doubts.

"I still maintain there should be a stop sign at the junction. They just don't stop and you have to pull out on to the junction to see traffic coming down the road.

"Even with the speed table it is still going to happen. "But I just hope it does reduce accidents."

Council safer neighbourhoods boss, Councillor Derek Rowley said: "I welcome the start of the work and hope the traffic measures we are introducing will help reduce accidents."

Ex-Baggies defender's hopes for boxing club

A FORMER West Bromwich Albion footballer has unveiled plans to create a boxing club in West Bromwich.

Stewart Bowen wants to build the facility for youngsters aged up to 16 as an extension to Greets Green Social Club.

The businessman, who played several times at left back for Albion in the early 90s, said the bulk of the £80,000 development will be funded by Black Country firms.

He said: "It will be great for the area if we can get permission for the club.

"There isn't much to do round here for the kids and this will keep them off the streets. It would be something for the community to enjoy and feel the benefit from."

He has written to Sandwell Council, encouraging it to back the scheme.

It would be named Greets Green Amateur Boxing Club, would be housed in a two-storey extension on the site of the existing social club in Whitehall Road. It would have a ground floor reception area with gymnasium facilities on the first floor.

Hoping

Mr Bowen said he hoped itwould be open before Christmas and he is hoping to bring in legendary Wednesbury boxing coach Errol Johnson to work in the new club.

"We are planning to get two boxing rings in there for sparring, showers and changing facilities," he said.

"Kids can come in from age nine and possibly go on to a professional career in the sport. Even if they don't make it as a career they will learn discipline and team work which will help them in whichever career they choose."

Mr Bowen said Tipton-based Amphion Construction had pledged to fund some of the work needed to build the new facility.

Community set for St George's fun

A COMMUNITY centre near Great Barr is marking St George's Day with a host of celebrations. Pheasey Park Community Centre's day of activities begins with a table top sale from 10am to 1pm. Tables are still available for £6 and anyone interested should phone the centre on 0121 360 4909.

Then from 2pm to 5pm stalls and refreshments are being lined up for visitors, to which entry in 20p, with yet more celebrations planned for the evening from 7.30pm onwards.

The celebrations at the Hillingford Avenue centre are on Saturday.

Murder man's widow tells of her nightmare

THE widow of a man stabbed to death in a revenge attack said life would "never be the same again" as his killer was jailed for life. Charles Kelly was stabbed 15 times on the doorstep of his home in Marshall Road, Oldbury, on July 16.

His killer, Stephen Lal, was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum of 24 years at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week. His sister, Helen, who was found guilty of perverting the course of justice, was jailed for three years.

Mr Kelly's widow Marlene said he was her "soul mate". They celebrated their 37th anniversary a day before his murder. She said: "I try to keep strong for our six children and nine grandchildren but it is so hard especially when I can't sleep at night because every time I close my eyes I see Charlie slipping away in front of my eyes, knowing I can't do anything to save him.

"We all miss Charlie so much. This has had such a great impact on all our lives. I don't think my family will ever be the same again."

Daughter Maria Nicholls said: "The pain will never go away and I think of my dad everyday and to know he was taken away by someone is the hardest thing ever."

Stephen Lal

Charles Kelly

Mr Kelly's eldest son Lee said the family was pleased with the sentence.

"The sentence today won't bring dad back, but it is still a big help to us all to know that someone has been sentenced for it," he said.

On the day of the murder Lal knocked on Mr Kelly's door after drinking all day. When the 57-year-old answered, Lal attacked him before driving away.

Received

Mr Hugh O'Brien-Quinn, prosecuting, said Lal, aged 51, of St Luke's Road, Wednesbury, was motivated by a fall-out with Mr Kelly over a pub attack in 1994 for which they were both jailed.

Mr Kelly had received a lighter sentence than Lal.

Mr David Mason, defending, said the killing was "relatively spur of the moment".

After Lal killed Mr Kelly, his sister Helen Lal, aged 46, of Hillfield, Smethwick, tried to cover for him.

Mr Robert Cowley, defending her, said she had been put in a very "difficult" position and had provided the alibi "with some reluctance".

Road closes for underpass work

ROAD closures will be in place along the A41 in West Bromwich next month, to make way for the next stage of work on the £25 million underpass.

The temporary closures will be at the junction of the A41 Expressway with the A4031 Cronehills Linkway heading into the centre of the town.

The road will close for the first time on May 14 at 8.30pm, reopening at 5am on May 16.

A second closure will be in place from from May 21 to 23.

Traffic travelling from Carters Green heading in the direction of Birmingham will be unable to turn right at the roundabout.

Instead, it will be diverted left to the M5 motorway island and back down the other side of the A41 where it will be able to turn left into Cronehills Linkway.

It is hoped that, once completed later this year, the underpass – at the fire station island with All Saints Way — will cut traffic snarl-ups and improve traffic flow for drivers going from West Bromwich to Birmingham.

Royal flush to beer festival

Titanic sales manager Ian Hughes, back, The public's catering manager John Briggs prepare for the beer Festival

VISITORS to a West Bromwich arts centre can enjoy a right royal knees-up as they sample a variety of ales during the Royal Wedding celebrations.

The Public's Beer Festival runs from Thursday April 28 to Monday May 2 and the Royal Wedding will be shown live on screens in the centre's cafe.

Families can get in the street party spirit by decorating Royal Wedding biscuits and the centre's permanent exhibitions, Collide-o-scope and Animo, will have a Royal Wedding twist for the day.

During the centre's third annual festival, which is being run by Stoke-based Titanic Brewery, a range of locally-brewed beers will be available to sample. PinkTank Cafe Bar will also be serving a variety of traditional British meals including sausage and mash, pork baps, cheese and potato pie and steak and kidney pie.

Linda Saunders, managing director at The Public, said: "After the success of the previous year's beer festival we're very much looking forward to it returning. By combining the festival with royal celebrations we're looking to create an extra special party atmosphere."

Both the festival and the wedding celebrations are free to attend. The festival runs from noon until late from Thursday to Saturday and from noon until 3pm on Sunday and Monday.

Unhappy mother took her own life

A WOMAN from West Bromwich had been struggling with mood swings since the birth of her daughter and had threatened to harm herself before she died, an inquest heard.

Mother-of-two Chun Mei Liu was described by her partner Ying Lu as a woman with a strong personality and a perfectionist.

Speaking through an interpreter he said that since their daughter had been born in May 2008 she had been unhappy but would not say why.

Miss Liu, aged 36, who had family in China, had few friends in Sandwell the inquest at Smethwick Council House heard. On the morning of her death on November 19 Mr Lu returned from taking their son to school when he found her hanging from the ceiling in their bedroom.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said Miss Lui had died of asphyxia and had taken her own life.

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Greetings! But it will cost if card is too big

HUNDREDS of greetings cards are building up in delivery offices across the region despite being sent out with first class stamps because senders are ignoring rules that postage must be paid by size.

Royal Mail said people are forgetting payment rules that were brought in five years ago, meaning any 'non-standard' size costs extra.

A 46p first class stamp will pay for the postage of a letter or card measuring 9.4 inches in length, 6.5 inches in width and 0.2 inches thick. Anything above that will require extra payment.

Many greetings cards are above the limit, meaning well-wishers end up falsely accused of "forgetting" birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

At one delivery office in Sandwell hundreds of "oversized" Mother's Day cards had built up. Some were less than an inch outside the limits.

Jan Ball, aged 66, of Grove Vale Avenue, Great Barr, was one mother who had a notice pushed through her door saying her card would not be delivered as the postage was insufficient.

She said: "There are lots of cards in the shops that are bigger than the standard size, but there are no signs to warn that a first class stamp won't be enough."

Mrs Ball said she was told about the backlog when she went to pick up her card, from stepson Steve, aged 43.

She said: "The office, in Kingstanding Road, closes at noon on Saturdays so I had to wait until Monday – and I wasn't the only one.

"The man on the counter said there were hundreds of cards there.

"I owed them just 10p, but had to pay a handling charge of £1.

"It was dreadful to think of the mums out there thinking their children hadn't bothered to send them a card, when really they are sitting in the post office."

Mrs Ball's card measured six-and-a-half by 10in, just outside the limit.

Royal Mail said it was impossible to say how many items go undelivered each week due to insufficient postage, but said recipients are always informed.

Jan Ball from who had to pay £1.10 to get her Mother's Day card

Pupils with difficulties move to new school

CHILDREN with behavioural problems have moved into a new £8 million school building in Rowley Regis.

The Whiteheath Education Centre, which supports dozens of young people, has relocated from Throne Road, Rowley Regis, to the nearby Rowley Learning Campus.

The facility is part of a wider £30m campus including new buildings for the Westminster special school, which is currently in West Bromwich, and St Michael's Enterprise College, also in Throne Road.

Experience

Whiteheath headteacher Rowena Challoner said: "This is an attractive, modern building on a spectacular site with 21st century technology.

"It is designed to improve the learning experience for our pupils by offering a bright, spacious environment which feels comfortable and safe.

"We have more comfortable space for a counsellor and therapists and we also have a medical room and music room.

"It's been a tremendously busy time moving into our new home but we have settled in well and are continuing our work of preparing vulnerable pupils for further education, training or the workplace."

Sex attacker, 73, spared prison term

A 73-YEAR-OLD youth worker from Sandwell has been spared prison for sex attacks on two boys.

Judge Martin Walsh told Patrick Lovatt he had embarked on a determined course of behaviour that included a "degree of grooming."

But he ruled it was in the public interests for the pensioner to receive help from the Probation Service. Lovatt, of Cornwall Close, Wednesbury, had denied four charges of sexual assault, two of causing a child to watch a sexual act and one of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

He was convicted on all charges at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week and placed under supervision for three years and told to pay £2,800 costs.

Views sought on waste plan

PUBLIC consultation into a multi-million pound waste treatment plant for Sandwell has begun. Letters were sent to residents living near the Eagle Recovery Transfer Hub planned for Hill Top.

If approved, the plant will create 95 jobs and 20 for contracts for nearby companies while 10 people will run the plant when completed.

Bosses have added that the site also has potential to create a further 779 jobs for companies in the region through the provision of services and materials.

Serco, which manages Sandwell's £650 million waste contract, has submitted a planning application to Sandwell Council.

The £15 million Hill Top hub includes major alterations to the road systems, including a roundabout at the junction of Bagnall Street and George Henry Road, to replace the entrance to the Eagle Lane Industrial Estate.

The plant will collect and treat household waste from across Sandwell.

Included in the plan is a facility to treat paper, glass, cans, plastics and cardboard, with a composting facility.

Firm reaps reward by changing its strategy

A SHREWD strategic decision has reaped dividends for an Oldbury business which has just enjoyed its most successful year ever.

Clayton Holdings was already a leading name in a highly competitive market, offering a sub-contract service for heat treatment and the removal of polymer contamination from injection moulding and extrusion tooling.

But, after what chief executive Deryk Law describes as "a change of philosophy", the business has gone from strength to strength and last year pulled off a major export deal.

He said: "We knew we still had to make very high-quality products but we needed to be more flexible.

Biggest

"Instead of going to our customers and saying what we could offer them, we asked them what they wanted and then built it to their requirements."

The result was it clinching a number of deals including a major one to Taiwan, where it beat off stiff Far East competition.

"If you like, we were on the wrong side of the world to get the deal," said Mr Law.

"As far as we know it is the biggest fluidised bed ever made for the quenching and tempering of large tool steel dies.

"Last year was our best year from both the processing and the manufacturing sides of the company.

"As well as Taiwan we sold equipment to France and the UK, so as far as export and manufacture is concerned we feel as though we did really well."

The past year has seen the firm, which employs 22 people at its Summerton Road premises, focus much more on the manufacturing side of the business.

Strip clubs face licence fee rise

NEW fees for strip clubs and adult entertainment venues may be passed.

Under plans the cost of a licence in Sandwell will go up from £300 to £2,500, after a change in the law.

Renewing a licence will cost £2,500, with a transfer costing £1,000. There is one licensed club in West Bromwich – Angels, off West Bromwich High Street.

However, pubs and bars with entertainment licences can currently show x-rated entertainment at special events. This will change as new legislation bans this without the special licence. Rules will also let the council draw up strict guidelines on where strip clubs can be.

Sandwell Council is investigating reports that up to four strip clubs may have set up without permission and is writing to all licensed establishments to explain new rules.

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Rent arrears rise as they hit £1.2m

MORE than £1.2 million is owed to Sandwell Council in rent arrears, latest figures show.

The total of £1,230,185 is 3.87 per cent up on the previous year when £1,184,309 was owed.

During the past year, 1,590 notices seeking possession and notices to terminate contracts were served on tenants in arrears, but bosses said this was 270 fewer that the previous year.

Thirty five tenants were evicted during the year for being behind on payments, compared to 80 the year before.

Sandwell Homes faced a bill for £12,075 for eviction warrants.

Adrian Scarrott, director of housing services, said the organisation had increased the amount of rent collected in value and percentage terms.

He added: "Sandwell Homes has a good track record of collecting tenants' rent and minimising arrears.

"Although rent arrears outstanding at the year-end had increased slightly, the amount of rent collected for the year had also slightly increased. Given the current financial conditions we feel this is a positive outcome."

He stressed the number of tenants evicted had been halved from 80 last year to 35 in 2010/11.

Asbestos death

A FORMER electrician from Oldbury developed terminal cancer due to exposure to asbestos. Ronald Joseph Cope, aged 78, died after he developed a large tumour in his chest, the inquest at Smethwick Council House was told. Mr Cope, of Bristnall Hall Lane, did not know at what point during his working life he had come into contact with asbestos. A verdict of industrial disease was recorded.

Jodie is crowned queen

Tipton Carnival Queen Jodie Brooks with with, from left: princess Ruth Davison, rosebud: Faye Cartwright, association mascot Timmy the Tiger and sweet pea Megan Leigh-Breakspear

AFTER a year out, Tipton Carnival Queen finally returned last month.

The award went to Jodie Brookes, aged 19, who took the crown after beating 30 other entrants to the prize.

This year's princess is Ruth Davison, 12, while the Rosebud award went to Faye Cartwright, 11, and the junior Sweet-Pea award went to Megan Leigh-Breakspear, six, all of whom are from Tipton.

Mrs Cartwright, Faye's mother, said: "She was really happy to win. It's nice to enter, but even better to win."

The search for a carnival queen, for girls aged over 16 and princess, for girls aged between 12 and 15, ran for 47 years before they were called off last year.

As the town no longer has a carnival parade, the ceremony took place at Brook Street Community Centre where the winners were accompanied by Timmy the Tiger, the Tipton Community Association mascot.

Road ban for drink driver, 34

A DRINK-DRIVER who drove erratically in a town centre was banned for three years.

Matthew Westbury-Wells, aged 34, was arrested outside a cash-point after he drove along Blackheath High Street late at night.

The defendant, of Cornfield Road, Rowley Regis, was said to have smelled of alcohol and his eyes were glazed over as his BMW was stopped on April 3.

He admitted drink driving when he appeared at Warley Magistrates Court last week.

He was fined £240, disqualified from driving for three years and told to pay £85 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Miss Maxine Jarrousse, prosecuting, said he gave a reading of 78 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath – the limit is 35.

Mr David Bratt, defending, said his biggest mitigation was co-operation with police and courts. He admitted what he did was wrong.

Gardeners get invitation

TICKETS are on sale for the next open evening by Cradley Heath Flower and Gardening Club. It will feature a talk called A Garden For All Seasons by John Massey, owner of Ashwood Nurseries.

The evening is on May 5 at 7.30pm at Cradley Heath Baptist Church, Corngreaves Road, Four Ways. Tickets are £5 on 0121 550 3331.

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This image show how the proposed Islamic centre with its dome and minaret, which would be 37ft tall at its highest point

Pub site mosque scheme backed despite protest

A NEW Islamic centre and mosque with a prominent minaret is poised to be built on the site of a former pub in West Bromwich after winning the support of planning chiefs.

The backing for the plans on the site of the old Hop and Barleycorn pub comes despite a 60-name petitions from residents in Dartmouth Street against it.

They fear excessive noise, loss of light, an increase in traffic, parking problems and the number of mosques in the area.

The two-storey building would feature a distinctive dome and minaret and would be 37ft tall at its highest point.

The decision will be made by Sandwell Council's planning committee this week.

In his report, planning officer John Dadd said: "The proposal is considered to be satisfactory and would not affect the amenities of neighbouring property.

Dominant

"In terms of height it would not be particularly dominant but it would be a larger footprint on the site than the previous public house was.

"Although the proposed mosque would be slightly higher than the preceding building, I do not consider any loss of light or outlook to be so significant as to warrant refusal."

An Islamic centre is currently located at 67 Dartmouth Street but leaders say this will close and be turned into homes if permission for the new building is granted.

The new mosque would include a prayer hall with capacity for 192 mats, a lecture room, a community hall and a separate women's prayer room.

Mr Dadd has said the noise fears are unfounded, as there will be no "call to prayer" from any loudspeakers.

Club forced to close as numbers decline

AN EX-SERVICEMEN'S club in Sandwell will close this summer due to falling member numbers and dwindling takings, it has emerged. Smethwick Ex- Servicemen Club is being bought by the Carlton Care Group which owns the neighbouring Poplars Nursing Home.

The South Road club, which is in the Paxton House building, has been part of the town for more than 90 years but bosses say it is now unsustainable. It is the latest victim of the struggling pub trade and will close on July 3.

Husband and wife team Jennifer and Henry Melody work as steward and stewardess at the club and also live in the building with their grandson Jordan.

Mrs Melody said: "It is such a shame for us. We have been here for six years and are now having to look for somewhere else.

"Unfortunately lots of clubs and bars are closing down so it makes it very difficult.

"We have enjoyed working here and it will be a very sad day when we leave."

The club was established in 1921 and as well as having a bar it would hold ballroom dances and until recently it also had a bowls team.

Serves

Bingo sessions and line dancing are held regularly and it has been a popular venue for wedding parties.

Smethwick councillor Victor Silvester said: "The club has not been making a profit for some time and the committee decided that it should close.

"It is very disappointing that this club which serves the Smethwick area will have to close. I think this just reflects the times."

Tony Billingham, group manager at Carlton Care which owns the neighbouring Poplars Nursing Home, said: "If we manage to purchase the building we will look into both developing the existing building as well as building an extension to our current home."

A stitch in time to improve skills

Jayne Timmins promotes the dress making course

PEOPLE who want to improve their sewing skills can attend a new course being offered at Wednesbury Library.

The library, in Walsall Road, starts its 10-week sewing and dressmaking course on May 9 and is just one of a number of courses on offer.

The course is priced £30 and is held on Monday mornings at 10am.

Jayne Timmins, centre manager at the library, said: "People can make anything from clothes to table cloths and cushions.

"It is beginners' sewing and people can do any project and they don't need any experience.

"We provide the equipment and people will get their own materials."

Anyone interested in details about courses at should contact Shanda, Jayne, or Lesley on 0121 502 6261.

Firm launch

A FIRM has been launched in Cradley Heath, with plans to employ at least three people. Whitehouse & Sons Cryogenics, Rednal Road, uses liquid nitrogen to freeze pipes and metals to help replace faulty pipe valves. The firm was launched by friends David Whitehouse, aged 44, of Cradley Heath, and Andy Johnson, 45, of Halesowen.

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Health centre opens after long campaign

A HEALTH centre has opened in Great Barr following a long-running campaign by residents.

The Tanhouse Centre has been refitted ready to accept up to 5,000 patients from the town and surrounding areas.

The first patients started coming through the doors of the centre in Hamstead Road last week to see Dr Rajiv Chitre, who has his own practice.

Five consultation rooms have been created with the possibility of another doctor's practice being based there in the future.

More services may come following a commissioning process by Sandwell Primary Care Trust in the coming months.

These could include a chiropodist and minor surgery clinic.

Staff said they were pleased to have finally opened to take their first patients.

Residents had been calling for a health centre for several years but it took time for a suitable site to be found. Dr Chitre, who also has a practice in Handsworth, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be open now for the local community.

"Everyone including the local councillors have worked really hard in getting this centre open today so they have to be commended for their effort."

The centre boasts a new ramped entrance from the car park to allow patients access into a reception room with television screens and notice boards.

Completed

The revamp of the centre into a clinic was due to be completed in January. However, the date was put back two months after structural problems were discovered in the roof.

Sandwell Council owns the building which currently provides a library, meeting rooms, fitness classes and other community services. These will all be unaffected by the changes.

At the new Tanhouse Centre are staff Lana Newport, Zahira Yayeb and Dr Rajiv Chitre. Front are Patricia Francis and Santokh Kaur

Demand to finish housing project

FED-UP residents in Wednesbury are demanding a housing developer finishes a project that has not been completed seven years after planning consent was granted.

People near the former Sandwell College site say the unfinished homes and metal fences are an eyesore. They have petitioned Sandwell Council to put pressure on the building firm.

But developer Bellway Homes said the economic downturn had meant it has no plans to finish the properties in the near future.

Wednesbury councillor Olwen Jones, who has gathered more than 50 names on a petition, said: "It does look very unsightly with blue plastic sheeting on top of the metal fences.

"We are very keen for Bellway to finish the job. I understand they are one of the top-performing companies out there but they don't seem willing to spend money here.

Written

"When you have spent upwards of £250,000 on a house you don't want to be looking out on a building site."

Hundreds of houses have been built at the site, in Woden Road South, where work began in 2004, but two plots, remain unfinished.

The council has written to Bellway requesting answers but it admits it has no power to force the builders to hurry up.

A report notes: "Once a planning permission has been commenced the developer is entitled to implement that permission within their own time frame. "

Bellway spokesman Julian Kenyon said: "Regrettably, at present the market is not conducive towards the sale of apartments but this site is kept under regular review pending an improvement in market conditions."

Drive to repair golf club

General assistant David Campkin where the changing rooms were

WORK has started to rebuild a fire-ravaged 100-year-old golf club in West Bromwich.

For the past weeks builders have been demolishing what was left of the changing and locker rooms at Dartmouth Golf Club, in preparation for building work to begin.

Members of the club, based in Vale Street, have been using portable buildings since arsonists targeted it in August.

Club secretary Cyril Wade said: "The site has been cleared and now it's ready for construction work to begin. So far the builders seem to have been getting on okay. I know of no problems."

The blaze caused extensive smoke damage throughout the building, with the changing rooms, locker room, club shop and lounge area all badly damaged.

The work is expected to be complete by August. As well as material damage, about 100 golf clubs and kit were destroyed in the fire.

Personal belongings were also lost.

Vacant church 'is embarrassment'

A REDUNDANT Langley church has been labelled an embarrassing eyesore by a councillor after vandals sprayed graffiti on the door.

St Michael and All Angels, Causeway Green Road, has been out of use for a number of years and has been left to deteriorate and go into disrepair.

Vandals have left graffiti over the door and the outside of the building. Langley councillor Martin John Prestidge called it an eyesore and "an embarrassment to the local community".

"The problem is there is no way of stopping people getting to it, and protecting it," he said.

"The church just needs to take some action now, and clean it up. As I understood it they did offer the building to other church denominations but nobody wanted it. I suspect they will want to demolish it in the end.

Favourite

"It is such a shame because it was very beautiful inside. It has some lovely stain glass windows which I am sure some other churches would want."

The church was built in 1845 and was a favourite for weddings for many years. It was known locally for its beautiful windows.

The Rev Nick Pelling, who only started in his post at St Mark's Church, Oldbury, six months ago, said he was aware of the problem.

He said: "Langley only has a very small congregation, of around 20 people so they just didn't have the people to fill it, so it was made redundant.

"I have been informed about the graffiti on the building and would like to reassure local residents that we will get this dealt with.

"As for the future of the church, I believe it is still under consideration."

Choir set for concert

WARLEY Male Choir is holding its next concert at West Bromwich Town Hall next month.

The annual Men In Concert will include guests Bristol Male Voice Choir and Langley Band and is being held on May 21. The show starts at 7pm

Tickets cost £9 and are available by calling 0121 546695. Proceeds will go to CLIC Sargent, a charity set up to help children with cancer.

Legion meeting

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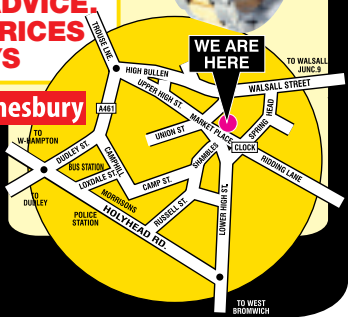

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Subway repairs to close train line

TRAIN travellers have been warned a section of the West Coast Main Line through the Black Country will close for two days over the Easter bank holiday.

Replacement buses will be introduced in place of all London Midland services between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street on Easter Sunday and Monday. Virgin, Arriva Trains Wales and Cross Country services will also be affected, as engineering work gets under way on a section of the Birmingham to Stafford rail line.

Tracks will be removed from a section of railway at Tipton station, to allow a pedestrian subway to be demolished and rebuilt in a £320,000 scheme.

Trains serving Coseley, Tipton, Dudley Port, Sandwell and Dudley, Smethwick Rolfe Street and Smethwick Galton Bridge between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street will stop running from 12.01am on Sunday to allow work to start.

Virgin trains services from Wolverhampton to London will also be affected, with replacement buses in place between Wolverhampton and Birmingham in both directions.

Normal services through Tipton will be resumed at 5am on Tuesday.

The subway itself, connecting platforms at the station, will close from Monday.

Sleepers

Tracks will be ripped up and the roof of the existing subway knocked through.

The whole subway will be waterproofed and a new roof installed then rails and sleepers will be replaced. New lighting will also be installed.

Keith Lumley, spokesman for Network Rail, said: "The subway needs to be rebuilt to modern standards.

"The railway lines over the subway need to be removed so it can be demolished."

The work is part of a larger programme of engineering works due across the Black Country and Staffordshire over Easter.

Dancing for joy with success

A DANCE school in Cradley Heath scooped 49 trophies at a competition in Wales.

Members of the Rhythmics Dance Centre competed against sother youngsters from all over the country.

They ended up with 17 first places at the British Championships in Prestatyn.

The 21-strong team impressed with a range of moves in freestyle, street, slow dance, pairs and rock 'n' roll.

The three to 18 year-olds took on 16 other dance groups at the event to showcase their talent.

The dance centre in Reddal Hill Road provides tuition for boys and girls and has 300 youngsters on its books.

Principal Sinead Hickman said everyone was delighted with the achievements.

"They were outstanding for their ages, they have put in a lot of hard work and effort," she said.

"We are over the moon with them."

Dancing joy . . . Connor Millership, Regan Billingsley, Rhianne Billington, Sophie Haynes, Courtney Billingham, Jordan Lenton and Storm Baker

Driver fined for knife in pocket

A MAN found with a knife in his back pocket and in possession of cannabis worth £50 has been fined.

Richard Lane, aged 38, claimed he had brought the pocket knife, measuring more than 3in, the day before to use when he went fishing.

Police stopped him as he drove his silver Mercedes along Ridgeacre Road, near Hill Top, West Bromwich, after it aroused their suspicions.

After smelling cannabis, officers searched the car and found two small tins containing the Class B drug, Warley Magistrates Court heard last week.

Search

Lane, of Beech Road, Wednesbury, pleaded guilty to one charge of possession of a Class B drug and another charge of possession of a knife in a public place.

Miss Maxine Jarrousse, prosecuting, said officers conducted a further search of Lane's home and found a small amount of cannabis.

Officers said the total amount of cannabis was worth £50.

Lane was fined £100 for carrying the knife and a further £100 for possession of the cannabis.

He was also ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

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Left dog in need of home

A BEARWOOD charity is trying to find a dog who was abandoned at a kennels a new home.

Mastiff cross Minky was left at a boarding kennel in December 2009 by her owners, who never returned to pick her up.

Friends of the Animals, based in Bearwood Road, has taken responsibility for two-year-old Minky and hope to find her a new home.

Becky Hackett from the charity said: "Minky was brought to the boarding kennels by her owners in December 2009.

Trying

"They just kept extending the time she was meant to be there and eventually stopped getting in contact.

"The kennels kept trying to get hold of the owners but without any luck.

Becky added: "She's a very friendly dog, full of life and loves playing with the staff and other dogs.

"She is a larger dog so would need someone who is used to big dogs."

Anyone interested in giving Minky a home should contact the charity on 0121 420 4201 or email fotabearwood@hotmail.com

Memorial meeting

THE Wednesbury War Memorial Campaign Group is holding its annual meeting on May 5 at the Foley Street Sons of Rest at 7pm. The group successfully raised cash for the new monument in the town.

Ex-soldier Karl Hinett, 24,ran to raise cash for the burns unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital with, middle from left, organisers Alun Ward and Faith Binckes and (back) Andrea Finn with staff Becky Kirk and Wendy Hartley

Hero's latest challenge

A FORMER soldier badly burned in a petrol bomb attack in Iraq has joined hospital patients and staff for a 180-mile challenge.

Karl Hinett, from Tipton, is already undertaking his own endurance test having completed 16 of his target of 52 marathons for this year. His running challenge was due to take him to events in Austria this week and South Africa next week.

The 24-year-old has joined with Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham fundraisers to raise money for the burns unit where he was treated.

Organisers Alun Ward and his partner Faith Binckes, who suffered burns after an explosion at her Oxfordshire home in 2003, enlisted the help of patients treated at the unit at the hospital to run the relay race from the hospital via towpaths and roads to the finish line of the London Marathonon Sunday. The four-day challenge was started by Karl running the first 20.5 miles to Lapworth near Solihull.

Fundraisers have received around £2,500 towards their £3,000 target for the event, called Burn to Run.

"It has been fantastically put together by Alun and Faith," said Karl, of Hall Lane. "They organised the whole thing, a relay as big as 180 miles is pretty special to be part off." Visit www.burntorun.org.uk to donate.

£15m approval is healthy news

THE go-ahead for a £15 million health and leisure centre in Oldbury has been described as great news for Sandwell.

The future of the Portway Lifestyle Centre was left in the balance after the Government announced a review of all health and social care building projects funded with Department of Health money. But Sandwell Council, which had spent almost £400,000 on designs and planning, has now been told the scheme will go ahead.

The council is working on the project with Sandwell Primary Care Trust, Sandwell Local Improvement Trust and Sandwell Leisure Trust, which will run the centre.

Jon Dicken, Sandwell Primary Care Trust's acting director of commissioning, said: "This is very good news for the people of Sandwell and further enables the continuation of effective joint working between health, social care and wider local authority services."

Work is due to begin at the Oldbury Leisure Centre, Newbury Lane, within months, with a provisional opening date of 2013.

Facilities set to be developed include a four-court sports hall, hydrotherapy pool, cafe, sensory garden, climbing wall, dance studio and fitness suite and a full artificial grass pitch.

Assest

The development will also include a GPs surgery, Tividale Family Practice.

Sandwell Council was given the news by Paul Burstow, minister for care services and health.

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, executive cabinet member at the council, said: "This is great news for the borough.

"The lifestyle centre will be a major asset to local people and to those from the wider area."

The scheme provide community social care and health facilities for vulnerable people and Mr Burstow described it as ambitious, building bridges between health and social care."

Luke's art links canal to pits

THIS image of a miner is set to feature in a new £40,000 trail connecting Sandwell and Dudley along a five mile stretch of the Dudley Canal.

Cradley Heath artist Luke Perry created the "test" sculpture to feature among 35 two dimensional sculptures.

It is hoped the trail will be formally opened to the public on July 31.

It will stretch from Blowers Green Bridge, Pear Tree Lane, Dudley, through Bumble Hole Nature Reserve on the Sandwell border to the Gorsty Hill Tunnel, Old Hill.

Luke, aged 27, set up his firm, Industrial Heritage Stronghold, three years ago creating artwork championing the Black Country.

He said: "Everything is on schedule, with 80 per cent of the designs now completed.

"The test piece I am currently working on is of a miner from the 1900s and is the design set to be displayed on Blackbrook Road, next to Blackbrook Bridge."

Luke Perry works on his latest piece of public art

Drunken woman is jailed

A WOMAN who breached her anti-social behaviour order by drinking on High Street, West Bromwich, was jailed for 30 weeks.

Leanne Botfield, of Howard Street, West Bromwich, appeared at Warley Magistrates Court last week charged with breaching her Asbo by drinking in a public place and assaulting a police constable.

The 27-year-old admitted to both offences.

Kelly Hale, prosecuting, said Botfield's Asbo runs until April 28, 2012.

It bans her from drinking and possessing alcohol in a public place, bans her from vomiting, defecating and urinating in a public place and prevents her from entering West Bromwich town centre.

The court heard that a drunken Botfield was arrested in High Street, on April 9.

She threw cider over a community support officer and spat in a police officer's face.

Activity help on website

YOUNG people in Sandwell are being encouraged to find things to do during the Easter holidays through the website www.justyouth.org.uk run by Sandwell Council's young people's services.

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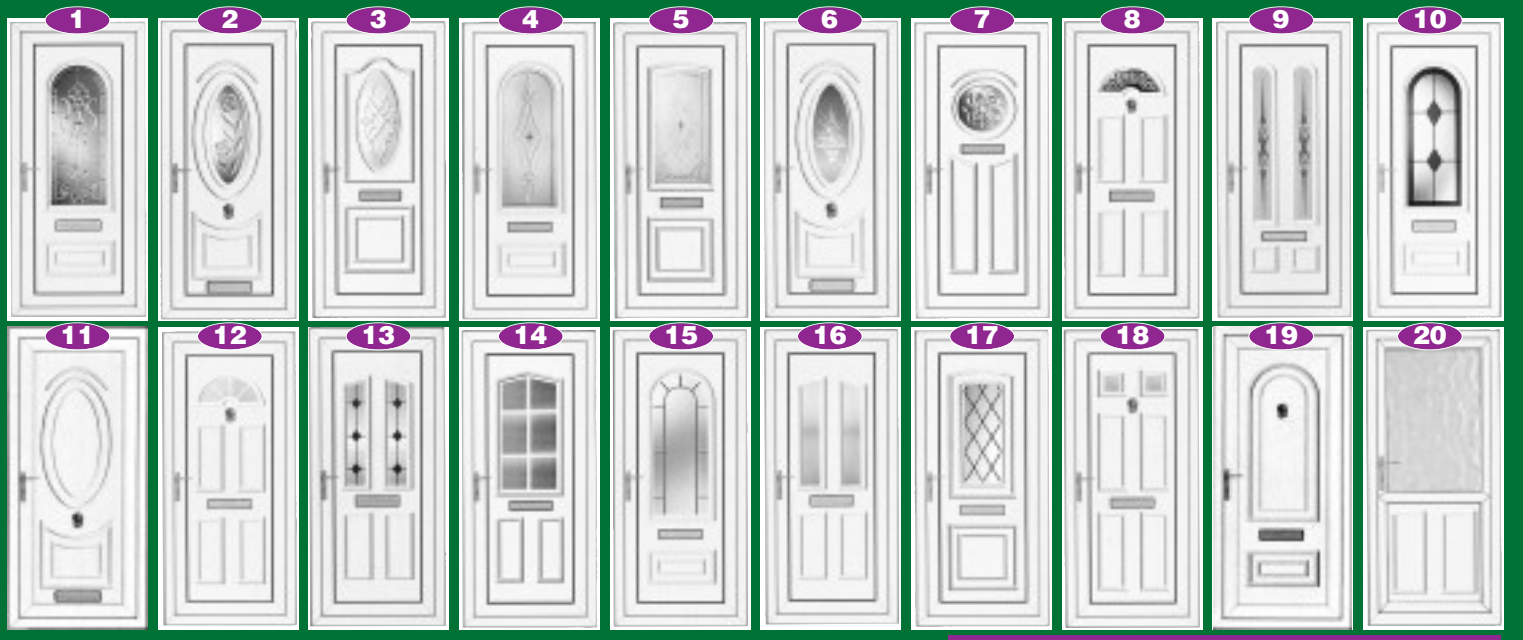

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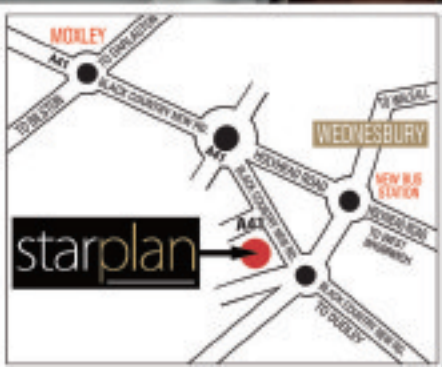

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Coroner in call for lorry law change after death of OAP

A CORONER is calling on the Government to change legislation on front blind spot mirrors for lorries, after the death of a Rowley Regis pensioner.

Cynthia Chapple, aged 71, was killed after being hit by a lorry as she tried to cross Holly Road, at the junction with High Street in Blackheath, just after noon on August 13.

An inquest was told that the driver did not see Mrs Chapple. Black Country coroner Robin Balmain is now writing to the Secretary of State seeking a change in the law concerning heavy goods vehicles.

The inquest heard that Mrs Chapple, of Terrace Street, was seen by lorry driver Jamie Tyler standing at the pedestrian crossing in Holly Road, Blackheath. Mr Tyler, of Hurst Road, Smethwick, was working as a HGV driver for an agency at the time and was waiting to turn his lorry right at the junction. He had gone through the lights on green but as he waited for a gap in traffic the lights went red and his lorry was left blocking the crossing.

He said he had seen Mrs Chapple, who was on crutches, in his mirrors when he had come to a stop. But when the traffic lights turned green "I checked my mirrors and she had gone," he said.

Pedestrians

The inquest heard Mrs Chapple had tried to cross the road in front of the lorry and had been hit as the vehicle had started to move off. The driver was alerted to the tragedy by pedestrians.

The court heard that the lorry was legal but did not have a front blind spot mirror giving the driver a view of in front of the cab.

Mr Balmain explained legislation introduced in 2006 requires all HGVs to have front blind spot mirrors. But this is not retrospective, so models made before this date do not have to have the mirrors fitted.

Mr Balmain said: "Front mirrors are much more problematic to install on older vehicles, they say they encourage installation of front mirrors where feasible but are unable to change legislation because of constraints of European Law."

Mr Balmain said that Mrs Chapple died as a result of an accident.

From the winning team are (front) Ayden Thompson, Ryan Staley, and Scott Williams with PCSOs (back) Alan Bishop, Dean Booker, Rachael Atkins and Gemma Middleton

Metro cops back football contest

FORTY teenagers joined forces with police support officers for a football tournament in West Bromwich.

Five teams played each other in an event organised by Police Community Support Officers from British Transport Police.

Footballs and goalposts were donated for matches by the Albion Foundation, a community group organised through West Bromwich Albion. One of the club's coaches Lee Fletcher also helped by organising games.

The tourney took place on Kenrick Park, off Constance Avenue, last week.

Prizes were given out to the winners and other players in the five-a-side tournament including Albion pennants, Easter eggs and medals.

PCSO Alan Bishop was joined by his colleagues Dean Booker, Rachel Atkins and Gemma Middleton. The police team work along areas bordering the Midlands Metro line.

"It's was a really good day and we think the children enjoyed themselves," PCSO Bishop said. "We get a lot of young people coming up to us saying there isn't much to do."

Shock figures as taxpayers fund generous car payments

AN investigation of mileage expenses claimed by council staff in the West Midlands has revealed generous overpayments – funded by taxpayers.

Councils in the region are routinely paying over the odds for staff to use their own car, with many giving more than the Government's recommended rate, which was 40p.

Sandwell paid out a total of £2.1 million – one of the highest rates in the Black Country.

Dudley, Walsall sand South Staffordshire also paid the same generous rate over the course of the past three years, with rates rising from 58.7p per mile in 2008/9 to 60.1p in 2009/10 and then 65p for 2010/11.

Workers were on average £250 better off than a private sector driver for every 1,000 miles they drove, with Dudley Council paying out £2.7m in 2009/10, Walsall paying £1.3m and South Staffs spending £193,704 on mileage.

Matthew Sinclair, Director of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "It is shocking that the same councils that are pleading poverty are paying well above the recommended mileage rate.

Proposal

"Ordinary motorists who are feeling the pinch will be shocked that council staff are getting such a generous deal for their mileage claims."

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for improvement and efficiency, said the authority planned to cut mileage claims by £1.1m by reducing the payment by July.

"A new proposal was made by the Chancellor for all local government mileage to be paid at 45p per mile, which Sandwell will adhere to," he said.

"The money we save will be reinvested back into frontline services.

"We will be looking at encouraging our staff to look at other forms of transport, such as pool cars and public transport."

Workers have reacted angrily to the plan, which they say is effectively a pay cut and have threatened a walk out

Once the council has served staff with notice of a change to their working conditions, unions will be discussing industrial action with members.

Aynuk entertains at party for the elderly

At the Alexandra High School party are, Jade Palmer, aged 10, and volunteer Joan Sanders, 69, from Great Barr, with, back, Mayor Pauline Hinton and Jordan Randle, 10

STUDENTS in Tipton put on an Easter party for senior citizens.

The party at Alexandra High School last weej featured stand-up comedy from Black Country legend Alan 'Aynuk' Smith plus a raffle, games of bingo and a meal.

About 100 people attended the party, which was put on by about 20 students, including members of the Royal British Legion and congregation members from St John's Church in Upper Church Lane.

Activities

The party was part of a week of activities organised by the school.

Students have been rewarded for outstanding performance in the activities with Easter egg prizes.

Extended service manager Hilary Brown said: "The students got on well with the visitors. It was a great success."

Nature reserve needs help

BOSSES at a Sandwell nature reserve are appealing for help. The Friends of Sot's Hole have worked with Sandwell Council, to make the reserve on the edge of Sandwell Valley popular for both visitors and wildlife.

There are a number of projects being carried out where extra help would be welcome. Volunteers do not need experience as training is offered. All they need is a pair of strong shoes or boots.

Anyone who would like to help is invited to the neeting of the friends" group at Sandwell Park Farm Visitor Centre, Salters Lane, at 2pm on Tuesday, or call (0121) 553 0220.

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New centre will help paramedics

A£500,000 headquarters for specialist paramedics dealing with casualties in collapsed buildings, mountain rescues and chemical spills has been opened in Oldbury.

West Midlands Ambulance Service's Hazardous Area Response Team started responding to emergency call-outs about two years ago. Now crews have their own operations base, where they receive the latest expert training in order to be able to deal with major incidents.

A commemorative plaque was unveiled last week by West Midlands Ambulance Service chief executive Anthony Marsh and Peter Bradley, the national director of ambulance services for the NHS.

Mr Bradley was given a tour of the centre and had a "meet and greet" with the staff and inspected their vehicles.

Some paramedics donned safety suits and demonstrated equipment for him.

Quickly

He said: "West Midlands Ambulance Service plays a key role in the emerge ncy preparedness for not only this part of the country but is also seen as a leader nationally."

About 42 crew members will be based at the centre.

The team aims to get paramedics into the heart of major incidents, to begin giving treatment to those injured, as quickly as possible.

The base has a number of specially designed vehicles, storage rooms, a mess room, training facilities, offices and gym.

Paramedic Malcolm Allden said: "It is a very demanding job, and we had to go through tough training to get to this point, and then we have regular training every seven weeks."

Brendan O'Sullivan, a paramedic for three years, said he had to combine the job with regular shifts on ambulances. "You have to be fit and able to carry the equipment needed into potentially hazardous areas, so it can be stressful but rewarding," he said.

Regional head of specialist operations Steve Wheaton said the team's role has grown in significance due to terrorism attacks and major emergencies such as floods.

Back, from left, paramedic Brendan O'Sullivan, team leader Wurz Reeves and paramedic Mike Lavelle with, front, from left, inland water operator Scott Hawkins, and paramedics Wayne Stevenson and Malcolm Allden wearing a gas-tight suit

Egged on to collect

A SCHOOL has donated hundreds of Easter eggs to Birmingham Children's Hospital and Sandwell Young Carers. Staff, pupils and parents at Ryders Hayes Community School, Pelsall, collected 370 eggs.

A carers spokewoman said: "We have 46 children under the age of 12 caring for sick and disabled relatives. It means a lot to us all here that these pupils have stopped to think about other children."

Stepping out to raise cash

A SPONSORED walk to raise cash for work at Warley Woods has already made more than £700. It was held on April 2 in the woods and participants had to complete a one mile course as many times as they could.

Around 100 people took part, running, pushing buggies and walking their dogs, with many in fancy dress. Participants have until May 2 to pay in their money.

Merci – mayor praises helpers

VOLUNTEERS families who hosted French visitors from Sandwell's twin town of Le Blanc Mesnil have been thanked by Sandwell Mayor Councillor Pauline Hinton.

A group of visitors from town north east of Paris spent four days in the borough last month.

They were hosted by families and enjoyed a variety of events, including a civic reception at Sandwell Council House.

Councillor Hinton said: "There was a great feeling at the event and I am grateful to the association for all the wonderful work they do in maintaining and enhancing our friendship with Le Blanc Mesnil.

Return

"They are unpaid volunteers working in their own time and a great advert for Sandwell."

The association, which meets monthly, plans a return visit in October and organises regular social events.

A "French circle" meets at 7pm on Thursday at the Barlow Centre, Oldbury to practise the language.

Other events planned include a skittles evening at the Stourbridge Institute on Wednesday, April 27, a bluebell walk on Sunday, May 8 and the annual meeting on June 22.

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Albion fan Kate on Russian TV

Black Country girl Kate Partridge has made her way from the stands of The Hawthorns to more than 200 million front rooms as a sports presenter on Russian channel RT. She speaks to ANDREW McGILL

YOU might not have heard of Kate Partridge. But for millions of Russians around the world, she is a household name.

She grew up in the Black Country but has been a fixture on RT – the country's first English-language news channel Russia Today – for more than two years.

Born in Sandwell General Hospital, Kate attended Kingswinford School and King Edward VI Sixth Form College in Stourbridge. She worked as a sports journalist for the Daily Mail, ITV and Chelsea TV before the opportunity to move to Russia came up in 2009.

Kate – "I've always known that I would live in Russia"

She says: "I can't explain it but I've always known that, at some point, I would live in Russia – I even did Russian GCSE at night school.

"Moscow is a fascinating city and not as I'd imagined growing up in England. It never sleeps. There are so many shops and lots of clubs and bars are 24-hour or serve you until you leave.

"The ring road around the centre can have up to 16 lanes of traffic and is never quiet. There's also enough history, culture, architecture and beauty here to keep any connoisseur entertained.

"There's more English spoken than you might think; the street signs in the centre are written in English as well and there are global and western brands – not just McDonald's and Starbucks – everywhere." Kate, who is in her 30s, is a studio-based presenter at RT, hosting bulletins every two hours during the afternoon and evening news bulletin.

From Russia, with love for the Baggies – Kate Partridge

She also appears in a magazine show called Prime Time Russia every week night at 8pm as well as hosting live events, such as the announcement of Russia's winning 2018 World Cup bid.

Kate says: "Our reporters go to major events like the Olympics and World Cup as well as following the Russian national football team. The Russians love sport – the biggest across the country are football and ice hockey."

RT broadcasts from Moscow and Washington to 100 countries across five continents. More than 400 million viewers have access to the channel, broadcast via 21 satellites and 176 cable networks, and can claim to have been seen in half those homes.

The wide reach means Kate's family – including her mother and step-father Jennie and Rob Grainger who live near Kidderminster – can easily keep up with her progress.

She said: "Judging by the text messages, they definitely do watch me."

Kate caught the bug for sport in the stands at The Hawthorns.

Young

She says: "I'm a West Brom fan because it is in the blood. I was born in West Bromwich, and my entire family and extended family has supported the club since it started out in 1878.

"It wouldn't have crossed my mind to support any other club – I think my father would have disowned me.

"I can't remember my first match as I was too young but I can just about remember being held up in the crowd for the day when Bryan Robson, Remi Moses and Ron Atkinson said goodbye to the Hawthorns before going to Manchester United."

"I'll never forget my first impression of The Hawthorns: the volume of people, the noise, the excitement, the banter, the tension – it was unlike anything I'd experienced. I thought it was brilliant, exciting and addictive. And that was before the football started."

Baggies fan Kate Partridge, who was born in Sandwell General Hospital

Kate said keeping up with the Baggies' progress is rarely a problem in Moscow.

She says: "There are numerous sports bars that receive satellite channels from around the world, so I have as much chance of watching West Brom here as I do in England.

"The Russians also love the English Premier League as well as watching their own and the other European football leagues, so I rarely miss a match unless I'm working."

Kate is confident the Baggies will continue to thrive in the Premier League. She says: "If Albion continue playing the way they are, despite the nature of the bottom half of the Premier League, they should avoid the drop.

"Roy Hodgson officially joined West Brom on Valentine's Day – and he is definitely enjoying a love affair with the Baggies fans."

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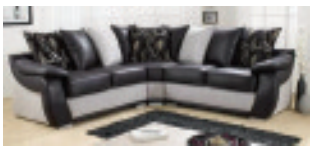

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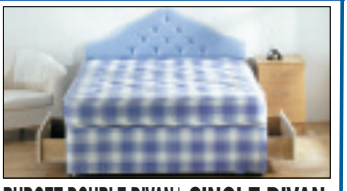

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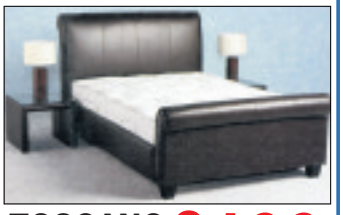

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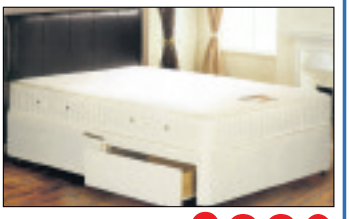

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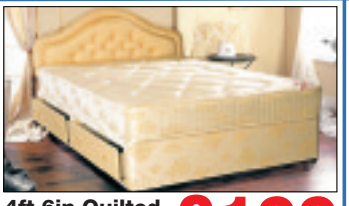

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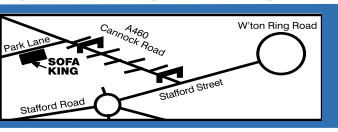

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Labour aiming to strengthen power base in borough

LABOUR is looking to strengthen its grip on Sandwell Council.

With 57 Labour members on the 72-strong council, there is no chance of a change of power at the Council House in Oldbury.

The leading opposition party – with nine members – is the Conservative group, while there are four Liberal Democrats, one Independent and one Independent Socialist.

In Sandwell, following a breakaway from the Conservatives, the Sandwell Traditional Conservatives group has been formed, headed by former Tory group leader Tony Ward.

The candidates will contest three wards, Newton, Great Barr & Yew Tree and Old Warley, in next month's polls.

Another blow to the Tories in the last 12 months was when the group's deputy leader Elaine Costigan defected to Labour, citing the the axing of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Long-serving former mayor Bill Archer also resigned from the party last year and the Conservatives subsequently lost his seat in Wednesbury North, which he had held for more than 35 years.

Eighteen of the 24 councillors whose seats are up for grabs are standing for re-election in the same seat this time around.

Labour's Pat Davies, who currently represents St Paul's, is moving to contest the Hateley Heath seat which in turn has been left vacant by the decision of Labour's Yvonne Davies to stand in Langley.

The sitting councillors whose seats are up for grabs in Tividale, Princes End, Bristnall and Langley are not seeking re-election.

One councillor who will be confident of keeping his seat in Soho and Victoria ward is Labour's Roger Horton, as longest-serving member of the authority, having served for 36 years.

Other notable names standing include Conservative Alan Bowler, who is contesting the Cradley Heath and Old Hill ward, and is hoping to join his wife Liz, who is a sitting councillor in the same ward.

Councillor Costigan, who caused a stir when she deserted the Conservatives, faces her first poll as a Labour member in Wednesbury North.

Sandwell Borough Council will not count its votes until the Friday after Thursday's poll closes.

WARDS & CANDIDATES

BNP=British National Party
Con=Conservative Party
Green=Green Party
Lab=Labour Party
Lib Dem=Liberal Democrat Party
NF=National Front
STC= Sandwell Traditional Conservatives

Abbey
Steven Eling - Lab*
Hughie Johnson - Con
Barry Lim - Green
Bryan Manley-Green - Lib Dem
*denotes sitting candidate

Blackheath
Debbie Elwell - Con
Robert Price - Lab*
*denotes sitting candidate

Bristnall
Chris Brown - Con
Lucy Cashmore - Lab
(Currently Labour held)

Charlemont with Grove Vale
David Fisher - Lib Dem
Anne Hughes - Con*
Dell Macefield - Green
Liam Preece - Lab
*denotes sitting candidate

Cradley Heath and Old Hill
Alan Bowler - Con
Robert Johns - Lib Dem
Ann Shackleton - Lab*
*denotes sitting candidate

Friar Park
Joy Edis - Lab*
Paul Farrington - Con
Mary Wilson - Lib Dem
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Great Barr with Yew Tree
Keith Allock - Lib Dem*
Shirley Hosell - Lab
Terry Lewin - BNP
Margaret Macklin - STC
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Great Bridge
Peter Allen - Lab*
Steve Simcox - Con
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Greets Green and Lyng
Richard Mitchener - Lib Dem
Gurcharan Sidhu - Lab*
Christine Vickers - Con
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Hateley Heath
Dorothy Brayshaw - Lib Dem
Mark Cowles - Con
Pat Davies - Lab
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Langley
Yvonne Davies - Lab
Maria Jones - Con
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Newton
Kay Allcock - Lib Dem
Robert Fitzpatrick - Con
David Hosell - Lab*
Emma Monasch - STC
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Old Warley
Trevor Crumpton - Lab*
Maurice Gaunt - Con
John McHard - STC
Aldo Mussi - Green
Bob Smith - Lib Dem
*denotes sitting candidate

Oldbury
Edward Barnfield - Con
Elaine Giles - Lab*
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Princes End
Steve Downing - Con
Russ Green - BNP
Stephen Jones - Lab
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Rowley
Thomas Millward - Con
Barbara Price - Lab*
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St Paul's
Zahoor Ahmed - Lab
Nagi Singh - Con
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Smethwick
Neil Barlow - Green
Gurpreet Cheema - Con
Keith Davies - Lab*
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Soho and Victoria
Altaf Ahmed - Con
Roger Horton - Lab*
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Tipton Green
Syeda Khatun - Lab*
Nathan Poole - Con
Ade Woodhouse - NF
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Tividale
Joanne Arnold - Lib Dem
Lorraine Ashman - Lab
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Wednesbury North
Elaine Costigan - Lab*
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Marc Lucock - Con
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Wednesbury South
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Olwen Jones - Lab*
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West Bromwich Central
Bawa Dhallu - Lab*
David Hawkins - Green
Jack Sabharwal - Con
Thomas Underhill - Lib Dem
*denotes sitting candidate

Sandwell Council House in Oldbury

Time to decide

VOTERS will go to the polls in 279 local authorities in England on May 5.

As well as choosing local councillors voters will also decide the results of a referendum on changing the way MPs are elected. The referendum offers a choice between the historic existing 'first past the post' system or a new alternative vote where each candidate would be ranked by preference by the electorate.

The May 5 poll is the first big test of the Conservative Lib Dem coalition and will be the first response by voters to spending cuts. Elections to the National Assembly for Wales, Scottish Parliament and Northern Ireland Assembly will also take place May 5

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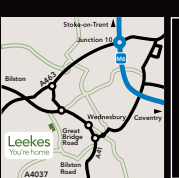

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A scene from Legally Blonde with Susan McFadden as Elle Woods

Pic by Ellie Kurttz

Musicals moving to Midlands

THREE big West End musicals that have been recent or continuing hits in London are coming to the West Midlands on tour.

The award-winning Legally Blonde The Musical, the Savoy Theatre hit based on a Reese Witherspoon movie, is coming to Birmingham and Stoke. Californian homecoming queen Elle Woods doesn't take no for an answer.

So when her boyfriend dumps her for someone serious, Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and heads for Harvard Law School accompanied by her loveable Chihuahua, Bruiser.

The role of Elle on stage made actress Sheridan Smith one of the hottest talents in theatreland.

Brings

The current West End cast is led by Susan McFadden.

Legally Blonde will be staged at Stoke-on-Trent's Regent Theatre from September 20 to October 1 and then at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from October 4 to 12.

Sister Act, the London Palladium hit derived from a Whoopi Goldberg movie, brings soul singing nuns to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from February 7 to 18, 2012.

Dirty Dancing, a West End smash based on the Patrick Swayze movie, will come to Birmingham Hippodrome as part of its first national tour, which will be next summer's big blockbuster in the city, staged next year from July 4 to August 25.

Review

Dancing on Ice Tour, NIA, Birmingham

YOU have no doubt seen it on TV but nothing beats the live performance.

For weeks I sat every Sunday night glued to the the television – disturb me at your peril – watching Dancing on Ice but the live tour, which stopped off at Birmingham's NIA last week, is something else. The dancing, choreography and acrobatics are simply amazing.

Following the same format as the TV show the couples battle it out for a place in the final to dance the Bolero, made famous of course by Torvill and Dean.

The five competitors to be voted through to the second stage were reigning champion Sam Attwater, last year's winner Hayley Tamaddon, Vanilla Ice, Chloe Madeley and Laura Hamilton.

The other three, Denise Welch, Comedy Dave and VC hero Johnson Beharry went out in the first text vote. The two in the final were Sam and Hayley but it was Hayley who took the trophy with a perfect routine.

The choreography in Sam's Bolero was excellent but a few mistakes cost him the trophy. No doubt he will make up for it on other tour nights.

The judges were Olympic gold medallist Robin Cousins, coach Karen Barber and Grand Theatre panto star Christopher Biggins, who had debuted as a judge in 2010. Guest judge was Zoe Tyler, who not surprisingly gave her fellow Loose Women star Denise a perfect 10 – definitely not on merit!

A fantastic night with all the text money going to charity but just two criticisms – entertaining as Biggins is his judging on performance was way off the mark and brought boos from the audience and there was a lot of feedback from the microphones of Torvill and Dean so a lot of what they said was lost.

But the skating itself scored a perfect 10.

Sue Attwater

I'm more like Gary – Simon

SELF-TAUGHT blues guitarist Simon McBride is preparing to bring his mix of exceptional guitar skills and gritty vocals to Bilston's Robin 2 on May 10.

The former Young Guitarist of the Year has now grown into a fully-fledged rock virtuoso and is visiting the Midlands in support of his second studio album, Since Then.

His influences range from Jimi Hendrix to Free guitarist Paul Kossoff, but he compares himself mostly to Gary Moore.

He said: "We both show lots of aggression, passion and emotion when we're on stage.

"If I could be compared to Gary Moore I'd be very happy."

The Irishman has recently finished a tour supporting rock legend Joe Satriani, who McBride was a big fan of as a youngster.

He said: "I taught myself guitar by playing a lot of his songs. Playing with Joe made me feel like a kid again, it was amazing."

Tickets for the gig at Robin 2 cost £12.50 advance and are available from website www.therobin.co.uk or £14 on the door.

Self-taught guitarist Simon McBride

Merlin gala just magic

STARS of top TV fantasy show Merlin attended a gala evening at Warwick Castle to see the opening of the castle's latest visitor attraction, Merlin: The Dragon Tower.

Irish actress Katie McGrath, who plays the beautiful witch Morgana, was joined by Angel Coulby, who plays Gwen, and King Uther Pendragon himself, actor Anthony Head, formerly of hit American TV series Buffy The Vampire Killer.

A fourth guest was the aptly named Warwick Davis, a familiar TV and film face who had a guest role in the third Merlin series and will be returning as the goblin Griphook in the final Harry Potter movie.

The actresses were among the first guests to experience the new attraction featuring live actors, a recording of Merlin actor Richard Wilson in his role of Gaius, Camelot's court physician, and an audience with The Great Dragon.

Without revealing too many of the suprises in store for visitors, they will come face to face with the dragon in a magic mirror and find that he interacts with the audience.

Castle general manager Tim Harrison-Jones said: "We are the first and only attraction globally to have the rights to use the Merlin brand and it will be perfectly executed.

"We want people to feel as though they are walking into the TV show or stepping back in time to a world of wizardry and wonderment."

Surprise

McGrath and Coulby, who are currently working on the fourth series of Merlin in Wales and France, said they enjoyed the Dragon Tower experience, especially the dragon's parting surprise.

The launch last Wednesday was rounded off by a spectacular firework display.

Ticket prices are cheapest online at the website www.warwick-castle.com and, including all attractions, are £22.08 (11 and under), £26.88 (12 and over), or £91.80 for a family of four (two adults and two children under 12).

Actors Angel Coulby, Anthony Head and Warwick Davis at the launch of the new Merlin: The Dragon Tower attraction at Warwick Castle

It's the return of Northern Soul

REGULAR Northern Soul nights will return to Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on a quarterly basis from this autumn.

Former Wigan Casino DJ Kev Roberts will be joining forces with former Club Lafayette DJ Mike Hollis, Stoke pair Nige Brown and Sean Chapman, plus the Black Country's own Little Scotty at the Mitre Fold venue, spinning stompers and other floor fillers from the 1960s and 70s on Friday, September 9, from 8.30pm to 3am.

Meanwhile, the civic bar on the same night will be offering club classics, jazz funk and house anthems from the 80s and 90s.

CCTV images from derby day violence

One of the wanted men

THESE are two men police want to speak to in connection with trouble at the first Premier League derby clash between West Bromwich Albion and Wolves.

Officers are still investigating the violence that marred the match at The Hawthorns on Sunday, February 20.

Pc Colin Barlow, leading the investigation, said West Midlands Police was committed to identifying the culprits and would seek orders banning them from future matches.

"Anyone found to be involved with disorder at football matches will be dealt with robustly and put before the courts," he said.

"We shall also seek to apply for football banning orders to ensure those who want to cause trouble and ruin the enjoyment for others are prevented from doing so.

"We are appealing to members of the public to look closely at these images. If you recognise these individuals or believe you have information that may help, I urge you to come forward."

Violence at the match included Baggies fans who threw coins towards the visiting Wolverhampton Wanderers supporters after the final whistle and also damaged seats. One Wolves fan needed three stitches for a head wound after being hit by a coin.

Ten supporters were arrested following clashes in and around the ground. A flare – smuggled into the ground inside a teddy bear – was thrown from the Wolves seating towards Albion fans.

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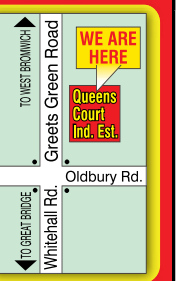

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Rhys Bullivant, aged 16, left, Sam Jukes, 17, Nathan Jones, 12, and Kyle Bullivant, 10, at the skate park which is being opened at Lightwoods Park

BMX and skate park back on track for May Day opening

AN £85,000 skate park at Bearwood is near completion, despite an attack by vandals.

Ramps at the attraction, in Lightwoods Park, which is the first concrete skate park in Sandwell, were smashed last week but work is now back on track for the official opening of the refurbished site.

The park was originally run by Birmingham City Council but came back into the ownership of Sandwell Council last year.

A previous skate park was built in the early 1980s as part of the popular Challenge Anneka television programme but fell into disrepair. After a three-year campaign it has been revamped by the park's user group with Sandwell Council and will be officially opened on May 2, as part of May Day celebrations.

Sandwell Councillor Steve Eling said: "The vandalism was a bit of a setback but we have managed to get everything back on track.

"The whole thing is coming together and the site looks better than it did before."

Displays

As well as the opening of the skate park, the May bank holiday event will run from 11am to 4pm and feature live music on a specially-built stage.

The day will also feature displays from stunt BMX riders and skaters who will be doing demos and coaching,

A brass band will be playing on the band stand and there will be an arena with dance displays, floristry demonstrations, Morris dancers, maypole dancing and Punch and Judy shows.

There will also be an It's a Knockout-style attraction, a climbing wall, market, craft and plant stalls, countryside crafts, and stalls from Surestart, libraries and play services.

Court watch

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Patrick McLaren (alias: Patrick Gary McLaren), aged 46, of no fixed address: Jailed for 14 weeks for having failed without good cause to provide a non intimate sample for the purpose of ascertaining whether he had a class A drug in his body and for having failed without reasonable excuse to surrender to custody at Warley Magistrates Court having been released on bail.

Danny Lee Wayne Jones, aged 19, of Sycamore Road, Tipton: Fined £100 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving on Glebefields Road without insurance.

Kirk Anthony Thomas, aged 40, of Coplow Street, Ladywood: Fined £65 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed four points for driving a Vauxhall on Dartmouth Road without a licence.

Amrek Dubb, aged 45, of Yew Tree Lane, Coseley: Fined £175 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points for driving a Saab Vector while exceeding the speed limit.

Canute Miles Foster, aged 49, of Kilbys Grove, Handsworth: Fined £525 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points for driving a Nissan Almera on Rabone Lane without a licence or insurance.

Kaiser Nawaz, of Great Arthur Street, Smethwick: Fined £35 with £60 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge for driving a Vauxhall Astra on Oldbury Road failing to produce a relevant certificate of insurance upon examination.

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Doreen's story

I have so much to thank Mr Burchell for . . . his advice and wonderful treatment.

I had a history of problems with my own teeth and received a lot of treatment in hospital. The implants I were advised to consider have been wonderful, but I found it a difficult decision to make. I hadn't heard of the procedure for dentures, but how glad I am that I took Mr Burchell's advice.

To say I am pleased with my new teeth is an understatement.

They are absolutely perfect and a pleasure to wear. I love to show them off. The difference the implants make to the security of the denture is simply unbelievable, it really is life-changing for me.

I found Mr Burchell's expertise second to none and he went to so much trouble to make each visit to the clinic a pleasure.

In the past I would have to consider what food to eat and there was always a problem with food particles becoming trapped under the bottom denture. I no longer have any problem at all and do not have to consider what food I should have or how to eat it.

Life has changed dramatically. The dentures are so stable I no longer have to cut an apple to eat it.Another great benefit is that I don't have to continually wash my dentures.

I can understand how people would feel nervous about having implants. I am 81 and certainly don't feel too old to invest in such a life-changing experience.

Peter's story

I can eat anything, but that's not always been the case. It's as if I have my natural teeth back and I cannot believe the difference.

Having read good reports of Mr Buchell's reputation at fabricating realistic, natural-looking, well-fitting dentures, I made an appointment to see him.

On my first consultation I explained the difficulty I was having in stopping my lower dentures from moving around and not being retained in a comfortable position.

He suggested I visited implant dentist Jonathan Pugh to determine if I would be suitable for the procedure. I agreed, but not without reservation due to procedure involved. My consultation with Mr Pugh was professional and reassuring and the X-rays he took showed I had sufficient bone to support two implants which could secure my lower denture.

The insertion of the implants was painless – no different to having a filling.

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-crafted dentures, securing them to the implants.

They were a superb fit, a situation I had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confident I was making the right decision.

The stability of the denture is just great and I can happily go to any restaurant without thinking about what suitable choice might be on the menu.

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Terry's story

I'm a confident guy, you know, nothing really keeps me down – even when things are not good. But I had nine years of trouble with my teeth and eventually it began to erode my confidence.

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My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money – what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

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BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 384852**

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MALE 45, average build, seeks female, 35-50 for fun, friendship, nights in and out. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338643**

HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 219790**

MALE 48, 5ft 6ins, blue eyes, seeks female, 30-50. Shropshire. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 382718**

LONELY biker, blond hair, blue eyes, seeks nice lady for fun, maybe more. Single mum welcome. Hereford. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355099**

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COLIN 5ft 9ins, average build, young 61, GSOH, seeks female with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349457**

33YR old male, average looks, attractive personality likes shopping, eating out and music seeks a female, 25-35, for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 126966**

TALL fit good looking friendly guy with GSOH, 49, seeks adventurous lady for fun only, daytime liaisons. Halesowen. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358747**

THOUGHTFUL adventurous, attractive guy, 37, OHAC, likes nights in/out, seeks attractive girl with similar interests. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 360663**

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SHROPSHIRE country gent, 43, no ties, seeks Shropshire country lady for LTR. Must be honest and genuine, 25-45. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364397**

1972 model male, 39, 5ft 5ins, average looks/build, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks female, 18-55 for friendship, maybe more. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364261**

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TALL handsome male, 41, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346611**

GRAHAM slim, 66, young outlook, fit, seeks genuine, intelligent lady with GSOH, 50-60's for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361665**

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ENTERTAINMENT — thechronicle

What a Wizard show

FOLLOW the yellow brick road to the London Palladium for a truly spectacular version of The Wizard of Oz.

The public's choice to play Dorothy, Danielle Hope, can never eclipse the movie's legendary star Judy Garland – who performed at the Palladium in her later years – but the Over The Rainbow TV series winner from Manchester won a standing ovation at the performance I attended. And quite rightly too because she sang superbly. Her Dorothy radiated a polite determination, even when faced by a wicked wich... and what a witch!

Hannah Waddingham's green, pointy-faced villain is a terrific ogre with Ken Dodd hair and a powerful singing voice heard on Red Shoe Blues, the best of four new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice that bolster the familiar Arlen and Harburg film songs. The scene when she suddenly appears above the stalls on her broomstick drew gasps from the audience.

Michael Crawford makes his long-overdue return to the West End to play the dual roles of Professor Marvel and the Wizard, singing new song Wonders of the World.

Dorothy's three companions are Paul Keating as a floppy, Mickey Mouse-voiced Scarecrow; tap-dancing Tin Man Edward Baker-Duly; and David Ganly as a gay Lion, who is proud to be "a friend of Dorothy" as the euphamism goes. The fourth companion is, of course. Toto, who was played by a well-behaved terrier. The cast may have their hands full when miniature schnuazer 'Dangerous Dave', the TV audience's choice for the role joins the cast this month.

But the biggest impact of this show is its rainbow coloured glitz, glamour and special effects. It begins with a hollographic tornado that whisks Dorothy off to Munchkinland. Gorgeous sets unfold from the recently restored Palladium's revolving stage. The Emerald City is an art deco dreamland and the witch's castle is an Eiffel Tower-like rotunda. This trip beyond the rainbow will live long in the memory.

Leon Burakowski

From Phantom to Wizard of Oz, Michael Crawford is reunited with Andrew Lloyd Webber to perform alongside newcomer Danielle Hope at the London Palladium. Right: The Wicked Witch of the West (Hannah Waddingham) in her lair. Below: Emerald City in the Merry Old Land of Oz.
Pictures: Keith Pattison

The Wizard of Oz is peformed every evening from Tuesday to Saturday and has matinees on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.

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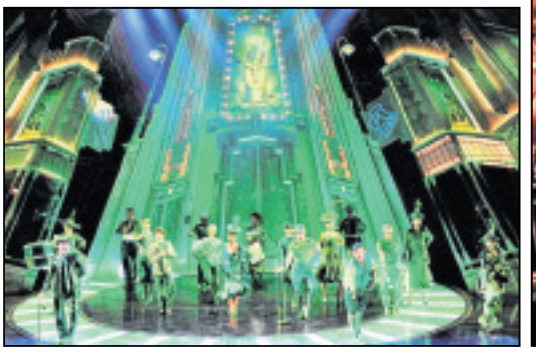

GARDENING — thechronicle

Enjoy salad days but it's vital to plan ahead

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Even if space is limited you can still grow your own, on a patio or balcony or with gro-bags. Tomatoes, lettuces and potatoes grow just as well in a city setting as a country garden with the proper care.

Follow this monthly guide and you should have a constant supply of fresh fruit and veg.

APRIL
- For a continuous supply of lettuce, radish, beetroot and carrots, start planting and continue every two weeks.
- Plant most seeds directly into the soil. Potatoes can be grown in the ground, in containers or in Miracle-Gro Organic Choice Potato and Vegetable Gro-Sacs.
- Be sure to 'harden off' any seedlings grown indoors before planting outside.

MAY
- Plant out young plants raised indoors or in the greenhouse.
- Continue with the two-week planting programme.
- Feed tomato plants with Tomorite.
- Ensure all areas are well watered.
- Plant vegetables such as winter cabbage for winter harvesting.

JUNE
- Control weeds by hoeing and using a relevant weed killer if necessary.
- Stake and support larger plants such as tomatoes, peppers and beans.
- Feed plants regularly with Miracle-Gro Grow Your Own Plant Food or Liquid Plant Food.
- Protect plants from slug and snail damage.
- Break up any compacted soil to allow water and air to penetrate to the plant roots.

JULY
- Continue to plant out beetroot, carrots, peas, lettuce and radishes for late crops.
- Continue to feed all plants.
- Many vegetables and salad plants will be ready to start harvesting and eating at this time.
- Pay particular attention to watering as your plants increase in size.

AUGUST
- Control weeds by hoeing or using a suitable weed killer.
- Keep a close watch for pests and insects, particularly on the underside of leaves.
- This is the time to enjoy all of your work as most plants can be harvested this month.

Plant well and you could have an endless supply of healthy salad ingredients

- Once plants are harvested and the ground is empty, refresh the ground by digging in Levington Farmyard Manure or Miracle-Gro Grow Your own compost.

SEPTEMBER
- Continue to harvest the last of your beans and peas.
- Maincrop potatoes can stay in the ground to bulk or can be harvested now. Make sure that you harvest all potatoes by the end of this month and keep a careful eye to avoid pests.
- Be sure to harvest any remaining crops by the first frosts.
- Dig in well rotted manure or Levington Farmyard Manure to improve soil structure.

Urban gardeners don't have to miss out as there are gro-bags and planters but the key is to use quality compost that's been specifically designed to grow fruit and vegetables.

Most vegetables are sun lovers and require plenty of light and warmth to produce the best crops. If the plot is open and exposed to cold winds, some form of windbreak may be required – a fence, wall or dwarf hedge would be adequate.

A south facing patio is the ideal spot for growing many vegetables in gro-sacs and planters. It is advisable to move the crops. By moving the crop each year you stop soil-borne pests that are fairly specific to that crop attacking the next that you plant.

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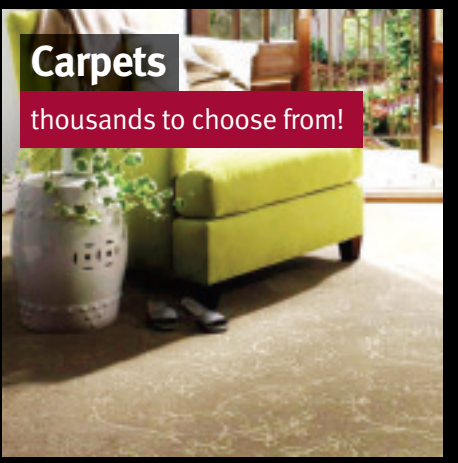

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We will rock you, say Brian and Kerry as they launch tour

QUEEN guitarist Brian May and showbiz singing star Kerry Ellis, who first found fame creating the role of Meat in the hit West End musical We Will Rock You, are joining forces on tour.

It follows the singer's debut album Anthems, which was produced by and featured the superstar rock guitarist.

Kerry, who has also played Elphaba in Wicked and Nancy in Oliver! on the London stage, included revamped versions of Defying Gravity and I'm Not That Girl from Wicked and eight May songs on the album.

They will be appearing together in Anthems The Concert at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Monday, May 9. Call the ticket hotline on 0121 780 3333 or visit the www.thsh.co.uk website.

Former Wolverhampton music student and X Factor contestant Treyc Cohen

Wiz of a role for X Factor's Treyc

She's famous for being a finalist in the UK's biggest talent search.

Now, Treyc Cohen will be centre stage once again playing the role of Dorothy in the award-winning musical The Wiz in Birmingham this summer.

The Wiz is a wonderful soul musical based on The Wizard of Oz. Having premiered on Broadway in the 70s.

It then went on to become a cult movie by Motown Productions in 1978 starring Diana Ross, Michael Jackson and Richard Pryor.

And Treyc is thrilled to be making her first appearance in a musical: The former Wolverhampton University music student says: "On the X Factor I was singing in front of millions of viewers every week, but I can't wait to be singing live in front of an audience every night.

"You get so much back from people; it's the best feeling in the world.

Auditions

"The Wiz is a fabulous musical and so this really is a dream come true for me."

Tamworth-born Treyc entered the X-Factor for the first time in 2009 and got as far as the boot camp auditions at Simon Cowell's house but didn't make it through to the live finals. However, she returned stronger and more determined in 2010 and was chosen from thousands as Cheryl Cole's 'wild card' over 25s act.

Having got through to the final 16 performers for the live final, Treyc was eliminated during a sing-off with controversial contestant Katie Waissal.

The Wiz will open in Birmingham at the New Alexandra Theatre from 10 to 18 June.

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DVD review

Monsters (12)

LESS can be more in monster movies. In classics such as Jaws, Alien, Predator and, more recently Cloverfield, tension is built by only glimpsing the creature before the final shocking reveal.

However, British writer and director Gareth Edwards may stretch the patience of some monster movie fans before his giant tentacled jelly fish/spider/elephant ETs are finally revealed in all their otherwordly glory. The effects are, despite the movie's low budget, excellent and that is probably because of Edwards' background in special effects and CGI animation.

Set in the near future, the Mexican-American border has become a walled-off infected zone where alien creatures who came to Earth on a Nasa probe have adopted the jungle as their home. Military jets and tanks tackle the creatures' devestating occasional incursions into the human world, captured on grainy longshot video and photos.

Whitney Able stars in Monsters

The set up, which doesn't stand up to close scrutiny, has a risk-taking news photographer told by his bosses to get the newspaper owner's daughter out of the danger zone and back to the US. When they miss the last ferry, they take the high-risk strategy of going through the infected zone.

What makes Monsters different to the rash of recent fantasy movies using documentary style (ie Cloverfield, District 9) is that it has an almost 'art house' sensibility. It seems more interested in the relationship between the photographer (who doesn't get to see his young son anymore) and the rich girl (who may be running away from her finacee). There is certainly chemistry between the two leads, Scoot McNairy and Whitney Able, who have married since they completed the movie.

Tension is built in the background, such as the sight of burnt out tanks and downed fighter jets, chaotic TV footage of an attack and a sombre vigil for the creatures' victims. One can read into the movie allegories for the relationship between America and its poorer neighbours.

As monster movies go, this is unusual because it is a thoughtful slowburner rather than a roller-coaster ride.

Leon Burakowski

Adele's emotional show as tears flow

SINGING sensation Adele brought the HMV Institute in Birmingham to a standstill on Monday night as she showed off her beautiful voice.

The singer with the sweetest voice in music had the crowd's heart in their mouths right from the start, with a haunting version of Hometown Glory.

After spending 12 weeks at the top of the album chart, songs from 21 dominated the set, with songs such as Rumour Has It, Turning Tables and Set Fire to the Rain astounding the audience.

The singer looked relaxed as she chatted to the crowd but during her cover of Bob Dylan's Make You Feel My Love, her meteoric rise got the better of her and the tears began to flow. After pulling herself round during a quick break, she returned with Someone Like You, which this time had many of the crowd with tear-filled eyes, and ended on Rolling In The Deep.

The talented Londoner's next shows in the Midlands are at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall in September, which sold out within minutes of going on sale.

Jon Pritchard

Moore's the merrier

BIRMINGHAM Town Hall seemed to bring out the best of the Kildare balladeer Christy Moore who, ably assisted by fellow guitarist Declan Sinnott, played for two hours solid for the appreciative crowd.

Moore's voice, as rich and creamy as the head of a well-poured Guinness, took his fans from a frenzy of clapping and wanting to join in with songs such as Don't Forget Your Shovel to reducing them to silent awe with a moving a cappella rendition of Spancil Hill. With some light heckling from the crowd, Moore warmed to his audience, giving in to shouts of Joxer, which he duly played with gusto, but pulled the plug when others thought they could control the concert with his friendly putdown of "I'm not a jukebox". He even threw in the Christmas song Fairytale of New York just for good measure at Easter, as part of the encore.

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The cast David Simpson's play The Naked Truth, which is about a group of women taking up a pole-dancing fitness course and will at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre

Todd Carty – Patsy in Spamalot

Never mind the spoof, Phill is Spamalot's star

COMEDIAN Phill Jupitus, best known for his regular appearances on Never Mind The Buzzcocks and QI, will be taking on a regal air when he plays King Arthur in Monty Python's Spamalot at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

It's not Phill's first experience treading the boards, he dragged up to play Edna Turnblad in Hairspray in the West End.

Hit musical Spamalot, written by former Wolverhampton schoolboy Eric Idle, is a combination of favourite sketches from Monty Python and The Holy Grail and songs spoofing the conventions of musical theatre.

Other members of the cast include former East Ender Todd Carty as put-upon servant Patsy, Jessica Martin as the showbiz diva Lady of the Lake and former Avenue Q star Simon Lipkin as Sir Galahad. It runs from Monday to the following Saturday.

Meanwhile, kids' favourite double act The Chuckle Brothers give Harry Potter the Chuckle treatment in Barry Potty and his Full Blood Brother Paul in The Ghostly Shadows at the Grand on Saturday and Sunday.

Fitness

The legend lives on in Michael Jackson tribute show Thriller Live at Birmingham Hippodrome, which features Birmingham singer Hayley Evetts, on until April 30.

David Simpson's play about a group of women taking up a pole-dancing fitness course, The Naked Truth, is at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27. The cast includes Leanne Jones, the award-winning star of Hairspray, alongside Maureen Nolan, Sarah White and Nikki Sanderson.

Claire Sweeney sings Take That Look Off Your Face and new song Dreams Never Run On Time in the revamped version of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's Tell Me On A Sunday at Stoke's Regent Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Jonathan Slinger follows in the footsteps of some of the greatest actors of Shakespeare when he takes on the role of Macbeth at the re-opened Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Michael Boyd's production opened last week and will remain in repertoire at Stratford until October 6.

Comedy highlights include Milton Jones at the New Alex on Saturday and Mark Thomas has sold out his Slade Rooms gig in Wolverhampton on Wednesday, April 27.

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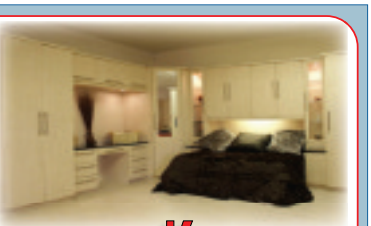
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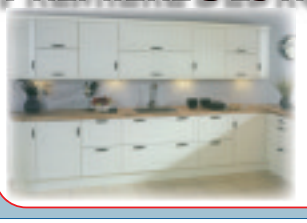
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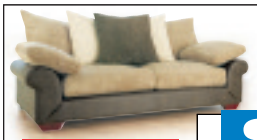

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Saturday TV

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.45** Football Focus. **12.30** Match of the Day Live. Cardiff City v Queens Park Rangers (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second round continues in Sheffield. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.25** Don't Scare the Hare.

6.00 Doctor Who.
6.45 So You Think You Can Dance. The contestants perform in couples for the first time, hoping to impress the judges and win valuable viewers' votes as one boy and one girl will be eliminated from the competition. The results can be seen at 8.50pm.
8.00 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. New series. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.
8.50 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the lowest vote perform again.
9.20 Casualty. The truth about Warren's death is revealed.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton; National Lottery Update.
11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.10** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Spirited Away. (2002) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Daveigh Chase. **2.00** Being Alice – Adventures in Wonderland. **2.30** Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further second-round coverage from Sheffield. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. The hapless soldiers tackle a fire. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Second-round coverage from Sheffield.
8.00 Gardeners' World. An hour-long Easter edition of the show.
9.00 The Belfast Blitz. On the 70th anniversary of the raids, people who lived through the German bombing campaign talk about the horror they witnessed and the damage the city suffered.
10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. The comedian joins the fire brigade. Last in the series. (R)
10.30 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. Chris Addison and Sarah Millican join the presenter in Norwich.
11.00 Nurse Jackie. The nurse evades O'Hara's questions about her fake MRI.
11.30 Later with Jools Holland. (R)

12.30 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.20** Snooker Extra. **2.40** Close.

ITV1 Wales

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** Monk. **1.45** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** Film: Arthur 2: On the Rocks. (1988) Comedy sequel, starring Dudley Moore. **4.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.30** ITV Wales News; Weather. **4.45** ITV News; Weather. **5.00** March of the Dinosaurs.

7.00 Sing if You Can. Sheila Ferguson, Ricky Groves and Brenda Edwards take on Gemma Merna, Shaun Williamson and Matt Stevens in the celebrity singing challenge. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon present.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host as judges Amanda Holden, Michael McIntyre and David Hasselhoff continue their search for the nation's most impressive performers.
9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Patsy Palmer. The EastEnders actress talks about her career and personal life.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston.
11.50 The Cube: Celebrity Special. Kelly Holmes and Jenni Falconer try to win money for charity. (R)

12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.50** Swingtown. (R) **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

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7.00 Clwb Cyw. **9.00** Stwnsh Sadwrn. **11.00** Y Lle Gwisgo. (R) **11.30** Diwrnod Mawr y Plant. (R) **12.00** Teithiau Tramor Iolo. (R) **12.30** Pethe. (R) **1.00** Byw yn yr Ardd. (R) **1.30** Mwy am Lai. (R) **2.00** O Gymru Fach. Welsh goods being used in Dubai. (R) **3.00** Sgorio. Port Talbot Town v Bangor City (Kick-off 3.45pm). **5.55** Newyddion a Chwaraeon.

6.10 Y Clwb Rygbi. Ospreys v Munster (Kick-off 6.30pm).
8.30 Ar Gamera.
9.30 Sopranos: Y Pasg.
10.30 Sioe Tudur Owen. (R)
11.15 Ddoe am Ddeg. (R)

12.20 Diwedd.

Channel 4: As S4C except: 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.30** British Formula 3 International Series. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **9.55** T4: Arthur: T4 Movie Special. **10.25** T4: Glee. **11.25** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.30** Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. **7.00** River Cottage Best Bites. (R) **8.00** Meet the Middletons. (R) **9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. **10.20** Stand Up for the Week. **11.05** Film: Rising Sun. (1993) **1.25** Mesh. (R) **1.40** The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. (R) **2.35** Coming Up: The Future Wags of Great Britain. (R) **3.05** Running in Heels. (R) **4.10** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20-6.05** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** How Do They Do It? (R) **10.30** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.30** Essex Jungle. (R) **12.35** Film: Slappy and the Stinkers. (1998) Teen comedy adventure, starring BD Wong. **2.05** Film: Tinker Bell. (2008) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **3.35** Film: Hook. (1991) Peter Pan adventure, starring Robin Williams.

6.25 5 News Weekend.
6.30 NCIS. (R)
7.20 NCIS. Part two of two. Gibbs goes after Ari. (R)
8.10 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. The team is assigned to investigate the apparent kidnap of a baby from a wealthy Las Vegas family, but Grissom struggles to maintain an air of professional detachment. (R)
9.10 CSI: Miami. Horatio returns from Rio to lead the hunt for missing team-mate Calleigh, who has been kidnapped by a criminal duo hoping to use her crime-scene expertise to cover their tracks. (R)
10.10 CSI: NY. The detectives investigate the death of a conspiracy-obsessed woman.
11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.30 Britain's Got More Talent **4.30** American Idol **7.00** Fiddles, Cheats & Scams **8.00** Help! I Caught It Abroad 2 **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: American Pie 2 (2001)

ITV3
3.35 Film: On the Buses (1971) **5.25** Film: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) **7.15** Film: Holiday On the Buses (1973) **9.00** Film: Carry On Cleo (1964) Comedy, starring Sid James. **11.00** Film: Up Pompeii (1971)

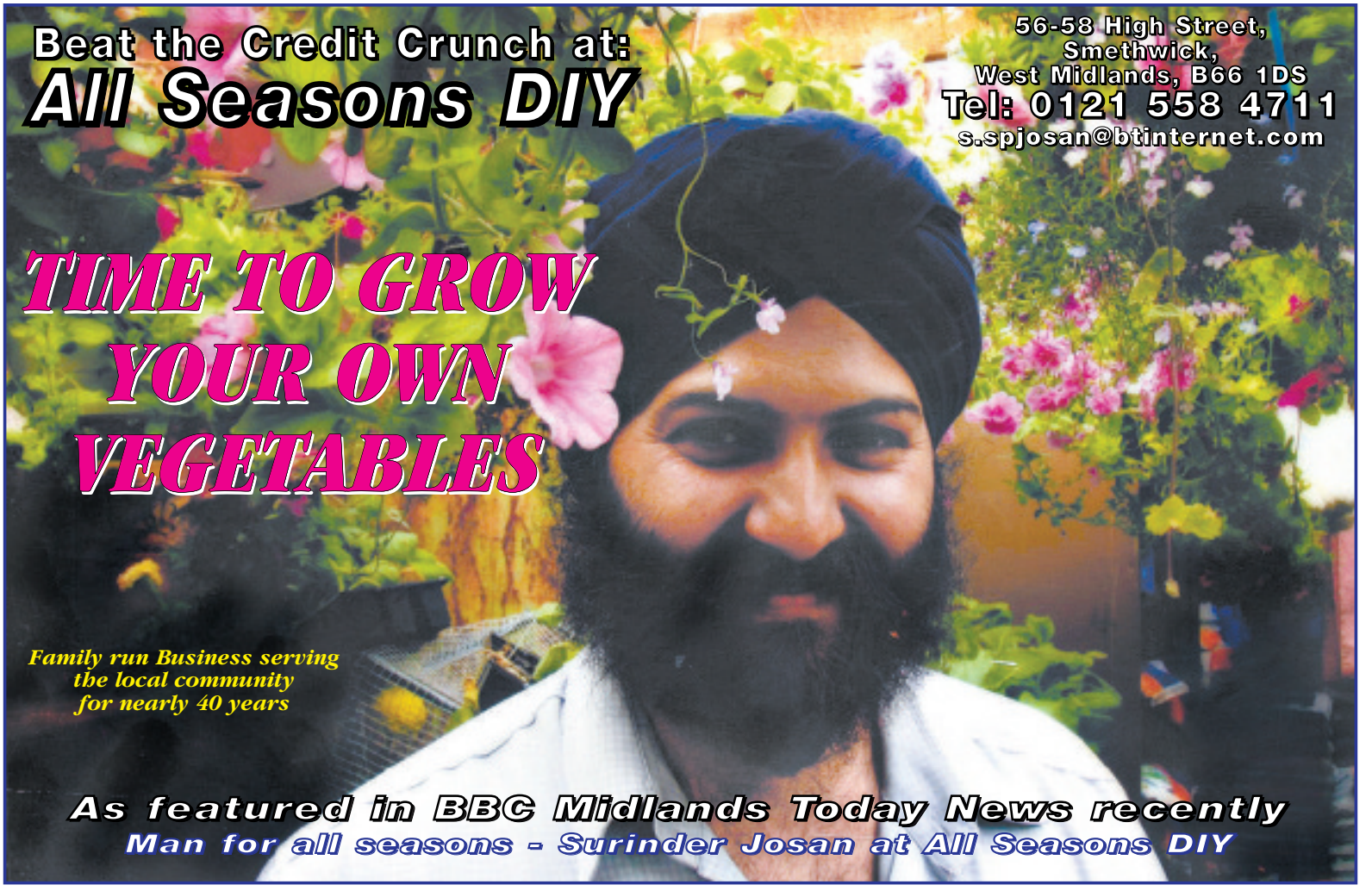
ITV4
3.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi Daredevils v Kings XI Punjab. **7.30** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **9.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **10.00** Film: Smokin' Aces (2006)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who Confidential **7.45** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) **10.55** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.40** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Yellowstone **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Spiral **10.50** Twenty Twelve **11.20** Top of the Pops: 1976 **11.50** Secrets of the Arabian Nights

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** 50 Greatest Wedding Shockers **11.05** The 50 Funniest Moments 2010

FILM4
2.50 Shane (1953) **5.10** Time Bandits (1981) **7.25** P'Tang Yang Kipperbang (1982) **9.00** No Country for Old Men (2007). Thriller, starring Josh Brolin, Tommy Lee Jones and Javier Bardem. **11.20** Carrie (1976)



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PERSPECTIVES: LOOKING FOR LOWRY

ITV1, 10.15pm

The South Bank Show is no more, but documentary lovers needn't worry – here's a new series to get your teeth into. Unlike its Melvyn Bragg-hosted predecessor, Perspectives won't focus only on the arts, but instead will feature a wide variety of subjects. Nevertheless, it kicks off with a focus on Laurence Stephen Lowry who is, without doubt, one of Britain's most famous painters. Ian McKellen hosts the programme, which takes a fresh look at Lowry through the eyes of those who knew him and by visiting some of the places he knew best.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Easter Day Eucharist from Salisbury Cathedral. **11.00** Urbi et Orbi. **11.35** The Story of Jesus. **12.35** BBC News; Weather. **12.45** Regional Programme. **1.30** Film: Mary Poppins. (1964) Disney musical fantasy, starring Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke, Glynis Johns and David Tomlinson. **3.45** Life of Riley. (R) **4.15** Life of Riley. (R) **4.45** Lifeline. **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Land Girls. Bea falls for an Italian PoW. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury report on the latest rural developments. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From Winchester Cathedral.
9.00 Britain's Royal Weddings. Conclusion. How traditions have changed in recent years.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Bee Gees: In Our Own Time. The band discusses their career.
11.25 TOTP2: Bee Gees Special. The Bee Gees talk about and perform some of their favourite tracks. (R)

12.10 The Graham Norton Show; (R) Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: Britain's Royal Weddings. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** The Baby Born in a Concentration Camp. (R) **3.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **8.05** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **2.25** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second sessions of two second-round matches. **5.45** Easter from King's – Passiontide to Easter Day.

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Rishi Persad presents further coverage from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
7.45 Top Gear Bolivia Special. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May drive 4x4s from the rainforest of the Amazon basin to the coast of Chile, tackling one of the world's most dangerous roads on the way. (R)
9.00 United. Drama based on the story of the 1958 Munich air crash which claimed the lives of 23 people, including eight Manchester United players. Starring David Tennant and Jack O'Connell.
10.35 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray presents highlights of the day's only Premier League match, which saw Bolton Wanderers welcome Arsenal to the Reebok Stadium.
11.25 Snooker: The World Championship.

12.15 Snooker Extra. **2.15** BBC News. **3.30** The Super League Show. **4.15** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.25** This Morning: Sunday. **12.25** Dinner Date. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: Columbo: Try and Catch Me. (1977) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.00** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (2005) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp.

6.05 Regional Programmes.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 The Cube. Two more contestants take up the challenge.
7.30 Coronation Street. Sean heads to London for Easter, while Todd returns to Weatherfield.
8.00 Lewis. When a woman is murdered, it appears to be a blackmail plot gone wrong, but as the body count rises, Lewis realises an old secret lies at the heart of the case. Last in the series.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Looking for Lowry. Ian McKellen examines the life of artist LS Lowry.
11.15 Flight of Faith: The Jesus Story. A journey through the life of Christ. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.00** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: Yu-Gi-Oh! (2004) Animated adventure, with the voices of Dan Green, Eric Stuart and Scottie Ray. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: Friends. (R) **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **9.00** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.30** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **12.00** T4: Example: Video Exclusive. **12.05** T4: Glee. (R) **1.05** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.35** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.40** Film: Home Alone 3. (1997) Comedy sequel, starring Alex D Linz. **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. A Roman Catholic considers the importance of Easter.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four contestants do battle in Southampton.
8.00 The Hotel. A troublesome toilet causes chaos at a wedding.
9.00 Country House Rescue. A Welsh stately home owner struggles to cope with her debts.
10.00 FILM: Elizabeth. (1998) Elizabeth I's rise to the throne is threatened as enemies within the court and overseas plot to bring about her downfall. Historical drama, with Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush.

12.20 Film: The Japanese Wife. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Rahul Bose. **2.10** Strictly Lady Sumo. (R) **3.05** Secret Life of the Classroom. (R) **4.00** Leaving Home at 8. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Milkshake Monkey. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Family! (R) **8.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **8.50** Thomas & Friends. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** K-9. **10.50** OK! TV Sunday. **11.50** Family Food Fight. (R) **12.20** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.25** Film: Genghis Khan. (1965) Historical adventure, starring Omar Sharif. **3.55** Film: William & Kate. (2011) Premiere. Fact-based drama, with Nico Evers-Swindell and Camilla Luddington. **5.45** 5 News Weekend. **5.55** Film: Bewitched. (2005) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman.

7.50 FILM: Ghostbusters. (1984) Supernatural comedy, with Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver.
10.00 The Walking Dead. Rick embarks on a perilous rescue mission.
11.05 FILM: Pacific Heights. (1990) Psychological thriller, starring Michael Keaton.

1.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.30 Britain's Got Talent **5.30** Britain's Got More Talent **6.30** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Patsy Palmer **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: The Whole Ten Yards (2004)

ITV3
3.25 Film: Are You Being Served? (1977) **5.20** Film: George and Mildred: The Movie (1980) **7.15** Film: On the Buses (1971) **9.00** Film: Carry On Camping (1969) **11.00** Film: Steptoe and Son (1972)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Red Heat (1988) **11.05** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** Vatican: The Hidden World **9.00** Holst – In the Bleak Midwinter **11.20** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel

E4
3.00 Make It or Break It **4.00** Film: Crocodile Dundee (1986) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **7.55** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The 100 Greatest Stand Ups 2010

FILM4
3.05 The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) **4.50** Napoleon Dynamite (2004) **6.40** Chariots of Fire (1981) **9.00** Dogma (1999). Comedy fantasy, starring Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. **11.20** Fight Club (1999)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** When Royals Wed. **9.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **10.45** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.30** Cash in the Attic. **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.45** BBC News. **1.05** Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Film: Muppet Treasure Island. (1996) Musical puppet comedy, with Tim Curry. **2.45** Film: Chicken Run. (2000) Animated comedy, with the voices of Mel Gibson and Julia Sawalha. **4.05** Film: Bee Movie. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout: Celebrity Special 2. **6.30** BBC News. **6.50** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Kate and William: A Royal Love Story. **9.00** MasterChef: The Final Three. **10.00** BBC News. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.15** QI. **10.45** A Question of Sport. **11.15** The Football League Show; Weatherview. **12.40** Sign Zone; Britain's Royal Weddings. (R) **1.40** Arctic with Bruce Parry. (R) **2.40** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Animal Park. (R) **1.00** Badminton Horse Trials. Live coverage of the final day from Gloucestershire. **3.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The conclusion of two second-round matches. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The final two matches in the second round. **8.00** Springwatch Easter Special 2011. **9.00** Arena: Produced by George Martin. **10.30** Ruth Jones' Easter Treat. (R) **11.15** Film: A Hard Day's Night. (1964) Musical comedy, starring the Beatles. **12.40** Snooker: The World Championship. **1.30** Snooker Extra. **3.30** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** Dinner Date. (R) **10.20** This Morning: Easter. **11.15** Loose Women. **12.00** Film: The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **1.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Inspector Morse. (R) **4.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** The Suspicions of Mr Whicher. **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.15** This Is Michael Buble. **12.15** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** UEFA Champions League Weekly. **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **4.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** Freshly Squeezed. **7.20** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.45** Frasier. (R) **8.15** Friends. (R) **8.40** Wife Swap USA. (R) **9.35** Seven Ages of Britain. (R) **10.35** Film: The Ten Commandments. (1956) Biblical epic, starring Charlton Heston. **2.40** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.15** 4thought.tv. **7.20** Film: Jumper. (2008) Fantasy thriller, starring Hayden Christensen. **9.00** Derren Brown: Miracles for Sale. **10.35** The Royal Wedding Crashers. **11.05** The Event. **12.05** Music on 4: The Wombats: Live in London. **12.35** Poker. **1.30** The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. (R) **2.20** Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World. (R) **3.15** The SS. (R) **4.05** Warlords. (R) **5.00** Codex. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** CSI: NY. (R) **12.00** CSI: NY. (R) **12.50** 5 News Lunchtime. **1.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.20** Film: King of Kings. (1961) **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** Extraordinary Dogs. (R) **6.55** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **7.00** Police Interceptors; 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Hotel Inspector. **10.00** Extraordinary People: The World's Heaviest Man Gets Married. (R) **11.00** Film: Buster. (1988) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** When Royals Wed. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** MasterChef: The Final Three. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Prison Restaurant. **11.25** The Lock Up. (R) **11.55** Film: Hunt for Justice. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Wendy Crewson; Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **2.30** 23 Week Babies: The Price of Life. (R) **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening day of quarter-finals. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second sessions of the opening two quarter-finals. **8.00** Britain's Next Big Thing. **9.00** A History of Celtic Britain. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **3.30** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Military Driving School. **8.00** Countrywise. **9.00** When Kate Met William: A Tale of Two Lives. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Parenthood. (1989) Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin. **12.50** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.50** Crossing Jordan. **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Wife Swap USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** The TV Book Club. (R) **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.10** Film: The Nutty Professor. (1963) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** The Secret Millionaire. **10.00** Campus. **11.05** Pete Versus Life. (R) **11.40** School of Comedy. **12.10** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.10** Freesports on 4. (R) **1.40** The First Circuit: British Formula 3 International Series. (R) **2.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.00** ITU Triathlon. (R) **3.55** AVP Beach Volleyball. (R) **4.45** Ironman Triathlon. **5.15** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **3.25** Film: Backyard Wedding. (2010) Drama, starring Alicia Witt and Frances Fisher. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. Angelo offers Nicole a shoulder to cry on. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Extraordinary Dogs; 5 News Update. **8.00** William and Kate: The Story So Far. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** When Royals Wed. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** DIY SOS: The Big Build; BBC News; Regional News. **8.30** Life of Riley. **9.00** MasterChef: The Final Three. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Would I Lie to You? (R) **11.15** Film: Casanova. (2005) Romantic period drama, with Heath Ledger and Sienna Miller; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: See Hear. **1.35** Watchdog. **2.35** Kate and William: A Royal Love Story. **3.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Lifeline. (R) **1.40** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **5.55** Party Election Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The remaining two quarter-finals are set to be decided. **8.00** Giles & Sue's Royal Wedding. **9.00** The Crimson Petal and the White. **10.00** The Victorians. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **3.05** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** UEFA Champions League Live. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. **11.35** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Film: Lorenzo's Oil. (1992) **4.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **9.00** Wife Swap USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** The TV Book Club. (R) **1.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.10** Film: The Nutty Professor. (1963) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. **8.30** Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. **9.00** William and Kate: Romance and the Royals. **10.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.05** The Big C. **11.40** Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. **12.10** Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. **12.35** Music on 4: Snowbombing 2011. **1.15** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. **1.25** Music on 4: 4Play: Delta Maid. **1.40** The Sex Education Show: Stop Pimping Our Kids. (R) **2.35** The Lobster Club. (R) **2.45** Film: The Day the World Ended. (2001) **4.15** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **3.15** Film: Before You Say I Do. (2009) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Zoo Days; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Essex Jungle; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.55** Poker: Aussie Millions. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. **4.10** Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. **5.10** Wildlife SOS. **5.35** House Doctor.

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** When Royals Wed. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Doctors. **2.45** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** Rock & Chips. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Kate and William: A Royal Love Story. **11.15** This Week; Holiday Weatherview. **12.05** Sign Zone: Too Fast to Be a Woman? The Story of Caster Semenya. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.40** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session of the first semi-final. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **5.55** Party Election Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second semi-final gets under way at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **9.00** Sir Bobby Charlton: Football Icon. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** BBC News. **2.55** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** William and Kate: In Their Own Words. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Patsy Palmer. (R) **11.35** Caroline Quentin: A Passage Through India. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Crime. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Wife Swap USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** The TV Book Club. (R) **1.05** Film: Robin and Marian. (1976) Medieval adventure, starring Sean Connery and Audrey Hepburn. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Three in a Bed. **9.00** My Big Fat Royal Gypsy Wedding. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **11.05** The Royal Wedding Crashers. (R) **11.40** The Ricky Gervais Show. **12.10** Music on 4: JD Set: Dublin. **12.30** Film: Kanchivaram. (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Prakash Raj. **2.35** Unreported World. (R) **3.00** The Men Who Jump Off Buildings. (R) **3.55** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.35** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **3.15** Film: Wedding Daze. (2004) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.25** How Do They Do It? (R) **7.55** Live UEFA Europa League Football. **10.00** Film: In Hell. (2003) **12.05** SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **8.00** The Royal Wedding. **1.40** BBC News; Weather. **2.00** Regional News; Weather. **2.10** The Royal Wedding. **4.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **4.05** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death. (R) **4.35** Film: Shrek. (2001) Animated adventure, with the voice of Mike Myers. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** The Royal Wedding. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional News; Weather. **10.30** The Graham Norton Show. **11.15** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.25** The One Show. (R) **12.25** Film: Hope Springs. (2002) Romantic comedy, with Colin Firth and Heather Graham; Weatherview. **1.55** Sign Zone: Madagascar. (R) **2.55** Michel Roux's Service. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **6.20** Animal Park. (R) **7.05** Film: A Conversation with Gregory Peck. (1999) Interview with the screen icon. **8.30** Film: Spellbound. (1945) Hitchcock thriller, starring Gregory Peck. **10.20** Film: Duel in the Sun. (1946) Western, starring Gregory Peck. **12.25** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second session of the second semi-final. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The third session of the opening semi-final. **9.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. **10.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show; Weather. **11.50** Later with Jools Holland. **12.50** Snooker: The World Championship. **1.40** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** The Royal Wedding. **4.05** Film: Nanny McPhee. (2005) Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson. **5.55** ITV News; Weather; Local News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Baboons with Bill Bailey. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Paul O'Grady Live. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.50** Regional News; Weather. **10.55** The Cube. (R) **11.55** Take Me Out. (R) **12.55** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.55** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Friends. (R) **8.55** Wife Swap USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **10.55** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Make Do & Mend. **12.35** The TV Book Club. (R) **1.05** 3 Minute Wonder: Second Lives. (R) **1.10** Film: The Bridges at Toko-Ri. (1954) Korean War adventure, starring William Holden. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Come Dine with Me Royal Wedding Special. **9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall. **10.25** My Big Fat Royal Gypsy Wedding. (R) **11.25** 10 O'Clock Live. (R) **12.30** Music on 4: Snowbombing 2011. **1.15** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. **1.30** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.15** Film: Brown Sugar. (2002) Romantic drama, with Taye Diggs and Sanaa Lathan. **4.05** Mama Lou. (R) **4.15** Fast Spin Fling. (R) **4.20** Eating for Two. (R) **4.50** Freaky. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Film: Santa Fe. (1951) Western, starring Randolph Scott, Jerome Courtland, Janis Carter and Peter Thompson. **12.50** CSI: NY. (R) **1.45** 5 News Lunchtime. **2.00** Home and Away. **2.30** Neighbours. **3.00** 5 News. **3.15** Film: William & Kate. (2011) Fact-based drama about the relationship between Prince William and Kate Middleton during their University years. Starring Nico Evers-Swindell and Camilla Luddington. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. Callum decides to fill in the gaps in his recollections. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. Elijah and Leah have a blazing row. (R) **6.25** OK! TV at the Royal Wedding. Highlights of the royal couple's courtship. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Ice Road Truckers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** Law & Order. **10.55** The Walking Dead. (R) **11.55** Cops in Crisis. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **4.05** Motorsport Mundial. **4.30** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

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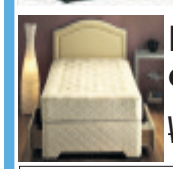
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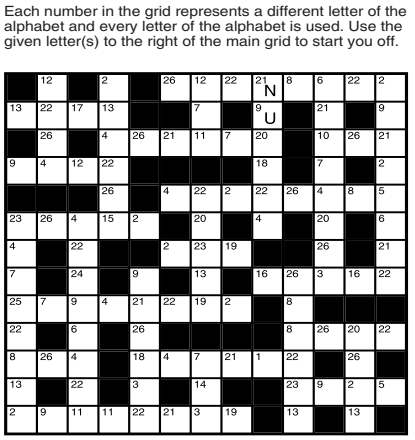
Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Reaction about a section of the orchestra (12)
7. Tom will return if dominant theme is required (5)
8. Note that comes back in reverberations (5)
9. How not to be a proprietor inside (3)
10. Sash superfluous, we hear, to the orchestra (5-4)
11. He has a poor try to give this kind of welcome (6)
12. Lack of order in game - it may be difficult to solve (6)
15. Bring up the stove and place in a different position (9)
17. Keep finding fault with poor horse (3)
18. Father has upset the Turkish governor (5)
19. As bad habits, they are difficult to break free from (5)
21. A race for disposing of a dish (7-5)

Down

1. Curative treatment involving listening to the wireless? (12)
2. Nonsense coming back in eloquent oratory (3)
3. Far from just a description of a brunette! (6)
4. Body of matter for under-standing! (9)
5. A stone ring brought up - often mentioned in Greek texts (5)
6. It won't be used in lively communication (4, 8)
7. Sounds like the style by which the Israelites were fed (5)
10. What rain before autumn will produce? (9)
13. A species of large African antelopes seen around the East (5)
14. Unequally matched, so it's not on the level (6)
16. A pleasant spot in the ocean that leads to the altar (5)
20. Hat and cloak shortened (3)

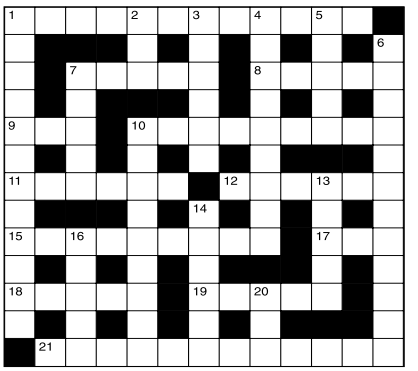
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Teacher (12)
7. Danger (5)
8. Come in (5)
9. Haul (3)
10. Persuasive speech (9)
11. Constricted (6)
12. Distant (3,3)
15. Profanation (9)
17. A vast age (3)
18. Foreign (5)
19. At that point (5)
21. Yachts (7,5)

Down

1. Meteor (8,4)
2. Scull (3)
3. Matured (6)
4. Gamble (9)
5. Consumed (5)
6. Gardening skill (5,7)
7. Might (5)
10. Excitable (9)
13. Corpulent (5)
14. Defeated (6)
16. Porcelain (5)
20. Recede (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Cricket; 8 Enrobe; 9 Asserts; 10 Indeed; 11 Gashes; 12 Vacation; 18 Ordnance; 20 Drivel; 21 Artful; 22 Ability; 23 Solemn; 24 Legends. Down: 1 Believe; 2 Dry dock; 3 Absent; 5 Resigned; 6 Crease; 7 Entree; 13 Isolated; 14 Sniffed; 15 Sealing; 16 Treble; 17 Evolve; 19 Narrow. QUICK - Across: 4 Ability; 8 Opened; 9 Mastery; 10 Tattle; 11 Enlist; 12 Goodwill; 18 External; 20 Vortex; 21 Thrift; 22 Imbibed; 23 Finite; 24 Flighty. Down: 1 Cortege; 2 Mention; 3 Bellow; 5 Bracelet; 6 Little; 7 Thrust; 13 Inexpert; 14 Insipid; 15 Flutter; 16 Formal; 17 String; 19 Ethnic.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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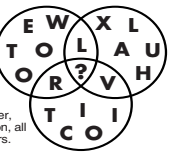
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is T. Gaultier, Westwood, Vuitton, all Fashion Designers.

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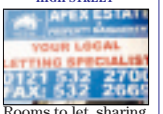

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* Extended semi detached
* Extended kitchen/dining room
* Three bedrooms
* Good sized rear garden
* Side garage
* Further potential to extend

Offers in the region of £214,950

HALESOWEN
Astley Avenue
* Traditional semi detached house
* Sought after location
* Good sized rear garden
* Two reception rooms
* Three bedrooms
* No upward chain

Offers in the region of £214,950

CRADLEY HEATH
32 Spinners End Drive
* Self contained ground floor flat
* One bedroom
* Living room with electric fire
* Kitchen with oven, hob & hood
* Bathroom
* DG windows
* Night storage heating
* Available now!

Monthly rent of £365

CRADLEY HEATH Old Hill
144 Halesowen Road
* First floor flat
* One bedroom
* Large living room
* Double glazed windows
* Electric heating
* Residents parking
* Convenient location

Monthly rent of £345

HALESOWEN
Woodbury Road
* Extended link detached house
* Three bedrooms
* Extended kitchen
* Family Room
* Downstairs Shower Room
* Well appointed Bathroom

Offers in the region of £209,950

OLDBURY
Hawthorn Croft
* Semi detached
* three bedrooms
* through lounge comprising living room and dining room
* breakfast room
* downstairs wc
* garage

Offers in the region of £205,000

HALESOWEN
Hollybank Grove
* Spacious semi-detached house
* Desirable family home
* Two reception rooms
* Three bedrooms
* In need of updating
* No upward chain

Offers in the region of £159,950

HALESOWEN
Summerfields Avenue
* Semi detached house
* Three bedrooms
* Extended
* Needs modernisation
* Great potential
* Cash offers only

Offers in the region of £120,000

HALESOWEN
Churchill Road
* First floor flat
* 2 Bedrooms
* Re fitted kitchen
* Re fitted bathroom
* Garage
* Popular location

Offers in the region of £114,950

BRIERLEY HILL
Quarry Bank
Flat 23B High Street
* One bedroom flat
* Kitchen with oven and fridge
* Bathroom with shower over bath
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Davis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Much Improved Traditional Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal location with canal to rear whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge / dining room, extended fitted kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower cubicle, driveway to front and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £121,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Carnegie Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Considerably extended End Terrace offering upvc double glazing and superbly presented accommodation. Extended to side at ground / first floor level whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, abthroom with shower, side driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Astley Close, Queensgate, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached occupying an excellent corner position. Having gas central heating, fitted alarm, well presented internal accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge / dining room,, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway, integral garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £128,450
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hudson Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, shower room, driveway to side, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Elizabeth Mews, Tividale — NEW

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and cul-de-sac location. Offering well presented accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lindley Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Semi Detached having double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway, side garage, fore garden and large rear garden leading onto canal.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Barney Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Executive style Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & improved accommodation. Spacious family home, briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £195,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Anne Grove, Burberry Grange, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached situated on a most sought after location. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, large block paved driveway and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bradshaw Close, Tividale Quays, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace which would make an ideal first time purchase. Having double glazing, gas central heating, cul de sac location & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, allocated parking & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hall Street, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached situated on a good size plot and having upvc double glazing / gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, enclosed driveway, garage, outside w.c. fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £125,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Rugeley Close, Tipton

Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £62,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

St Helens Avenue, Bridgemere, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Alexandra Way, Tividale — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Improved / well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £124,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Graham Close, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, excellent corner plot and situated in a most sought after location. Offering no upward chain, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Sanders Crescent, Tipton — REDUCED

Middle 2.5 Storey Town House having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, rear garden & allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Daisy Meadow, Bridgemere, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft conversion. Occupying a corner plot, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, L'shape lounge / dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, study room, family bathroom, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Butler Street, West Bromwich — NEW

Middle Terrace in need of modernisation and offering no upward chain. Spacious accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, inner lobby, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 bedrooms and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Chapel Street, The Grove, Tipton — NEW

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented, good size accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Oak Close, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton — REDUCED

Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, electric storage heating and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, separate toilet, communal parking and communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £54,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Andrew Road, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated on a most sought after development whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, 3 car driveway, garage & attractive rear garden. No Upward Chain
OFFERS AROUND: £159,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Anchor Drive, Tipton

Modern Purpose Built First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Seymour Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and superbly improved internal accommodation. Viewing highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, spacious bathroom, block paved fore court and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £132,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Leslie Drive, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton

Extended semi detached residence in a sought after location which benefits from UPVc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation & briefly comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Through Lounge / Dining Room, Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom, Study / Sitting Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Fore & Rear Gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Park Lane West, Tipton — NEW

Much Improved Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing is recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Castle Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Individual Traditional Detached which has beed renovated and much improved. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway and garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Oval Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Good size family accommodation briefly comprises, reception Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Newcomen Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & cul de sac location. Offering no upward chain, superbly presented internal accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking to front & paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Oakley Avenue, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached having gas central heating & upvc double glazing. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side double length garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Daisy Meadow, Bridgemere, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location, ideal starter home & briefly comprising, reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Driveway & Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Thunderbolt Way, Birchfields, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle 3 Storey Town House having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, spacious family accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, separate garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £145,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Superbly presented Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, blow air central heating, spacious family accommodation, internal viewing strongly recommended & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 car driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Sycamore Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and central heating. In need of improvements, whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £57,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Reeves Close, Tipton

Executive Style Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen (built in appliances), 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £209,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Stella Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Southgate Way, Dudley

Modern First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Reception hall, open plan lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 1 bedroom, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
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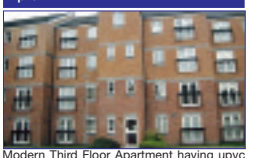
Anchor Drive, Tipton

Modern Third Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £65,950
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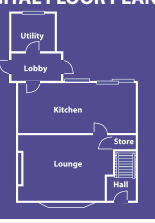

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Elwell Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Double Fronted 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge

OFFERS OFFERS:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£159,995**

Parkdale Avenue, Wednesbury — NEW

- Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Almost Entirely Double Glazed
- Popular Location

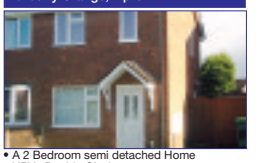
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£159,995**

Laburnum Road, Wednesbury

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£104,995**

Catherton Close, Burberry Grange, Tipton



- A 2 Bedroom semi detached Home
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Quite Cul-de-Sac Location
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£109,995**

St David Drive, Charlemont Hall Park, Wednesbury — NEW

- Presenting a Modern 3 Bedroom 3 Storey Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Ground Floor Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£139,995**

Crankhall Lane — NEW

- Extended 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Conviniently Located
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£164,995**

The Furlong, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Suprisingly Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Quite Cul-de-Sac with No Upward Chain
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£129,995**

Phoenix Rise, Wednesbury

- 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat
- UPVc Double Glazing (where specified)
- Electric Storage Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

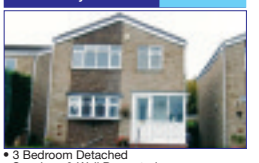
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£59,995**

Resevoir Passage, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Extended 3 Bedroom Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ever Popular Area
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£179,995**

Oldbury Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED



- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Spacious & Well Presented
- Entrance Porch & Hall
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£144,995**

Cinder Way, Wednesbury

- A Recently Refurbished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain
- Centrally Heated and Double Glazed (where specified)
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£99,000**

Teal Grove, Hawkswood Grange, Moxley — NEW

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Located in a Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£119,995**

St Christopher Drive, Wednesbury

- Almost Brand New 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Presented to an Incrediubly High Standard
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing Throughout
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£189,995**

Church Hill, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 3 Double Bedroom Semi Detached with 2 Storey Extension
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Popular Location & No Upward Chain
- Reception Hal with Feature Open Plan Staircase

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£139,995**

Wednesbury Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- An Extended 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge

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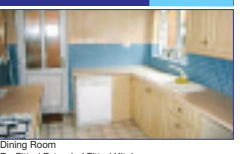
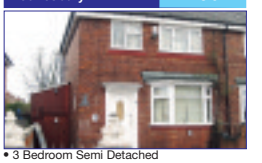


- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden

OFFERS AROUND: £165,000

School Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£73,950**

Carrington Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & UPVc Windows (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£84,995**

Huntingdon Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

An Attractive Mid Terraced House offering excellent position for local amenities. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Diner, Conservatory, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Good Size Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£114,950**

Poplar Grove West Bromwich — NEW

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House offering No Upward Chain. Centally Heated and Double Glazed (where specified). Accomodation Comprises- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£74,950**

Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House offering No Upward Chain. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing (where specified). Accommodation comprises- Hall with Shower Room/ WC off, Dining Room, Extended Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Gated Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£164,950**

Gladstone Street West Bromwich — NEW

A Spacious End Terraced House offering good extension potential (Subject to Planning Permission). Centrally Heated and Part Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Guest Cloaks/ WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Gated Driveway Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£119,995**

Caldwell Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

An Excellent Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House. Excellent location for local amenities and bus routes. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Laundry, Conservatory, Master Bedroom with En suite WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Large Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£119,950**

Vicarage Road West Bromwich — NEW

An Attractive mid terraced house offering No Upward Chain. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 2 Good Size Bedrooms and Pleasant Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£89,950**

Sheridan Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

A traditional, semi detached house, situated in this popular area with extension potential. Centrally heated, double glazed where specified and intruder alarmed. Storm porch, hall with pantry off, spacious lounge/dining room, recently re-fitted Kitchen, verandah, 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC, large carport, rear garden which is not overlooked. Viewing 0121 525 2111.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£142,950**

The Broadway, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

REDUCED FOR A QUICK SALE — A Delightful three bedroomed semi detached house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac position in sought after residential area. Benefitting from gas central heating, double glazing and intruder alarm this traditional semi offers accommodation to include Integral Porch, Reception Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Kitchen, Three bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Garage, garden to rear and Block Paved Off Road Parking to front.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£145,000**

Vowles Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Impressive 4 Bedroom, Modern 3 Storey Mid Town House. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. The Accomodation is arranged on 3 floors and comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Kitchen/ Diner, Lounge, 4 Bedrooms, 2 En Suite Shower Rooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking and Integral Garage. NHBC Warranty 2 years remaining.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£179,950**

Manor Road, Wednesbury Wednesbury — REDUCED

FURTHER REDUCED. Much improved and well presented three bedroomed mid terraced property. Ideal for First time buyers, the property has gas central heating and majority double glazing with accommodation comprising reception hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, conservatory, refitted ground floor shower room, three bedrooms, delightful rear garden with access from rear.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£79,995**

Esher Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Double Fronted End Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£110,000**

Arlington Road West Bromwich

An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House with excellent location for local schools and amenities. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing (where specified). Briefly Comprising- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Driveway to Front and Large Rear Garden and Garage with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£169,950**

Dagger Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Appealing, Detached House, situated in this very popular area near Dartmouth Park and Sandwell Valley Country Park. Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed. Many character features. Long Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Front & Rear Gardens and Double Garage to rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£279,950**

Jayne Close, Stone Cross, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A spacious and attractive Semi Detached House located within a highly sought after area of Stone Cross. Sited on a large corner plot, the property benefits from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Briefly comprising Porch, Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Veranda, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Large block paved driveway to front, Side Garage and enclosed rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£132,000**

Garratt Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An impressive double fronted semi datched house located on a larger plot providing potential to extend (subject to planning permission). Benfitting from Central Heating and Double Gouble Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£149,950**

Beaconview Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An attractive, extended semi detached house. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Briefly Comprises, Storm Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 4 Good sized bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, gardens to front and rear, off road parking and garage. Excellent Locality To Stone Cross and Tame Bridge Station.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£154,950**

Brindley Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Surprisingly Spacious, Double Fronted Semi Detached House benefitting from No Upward Chain. Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Good Sized Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate Wc, Large Garden to Rear and Front Garden with Path.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£109,950**

St Stephens Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

NO UPWARD CHAIN A Centrally heated and double glazed Mid Terraced House benefitting from no upward chain. Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Lobby with Toilet off, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/Wc and Off road car parking space.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£99,950**

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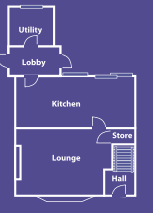

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- PRIMROSE COTTAGE is a Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Dining Room or Third Bedroom
- Double Garage & Parking Space

£215,000

CHARLEMONT CRESCENT, B71 3DA

- A Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Garages
- Freehold

£230,000

BANK STREET, B71 1HF

- A Modern Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Off Road Parking

£135,000

EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE, B71 2AZ

- A Two Bedroom Mid Terraced Property
- No Upward Chain
- Kitchen/Diner
- C/H & D/G

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- C/H & D/G
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- Leasehold

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- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Freehold

£99,950

ANDREW ROAD, B71 3QG

- A Detached Property
- Three Bedroom, Side Garage
- D/G and Alamed
- C/H where specified and Freehold

£129,950

ALEXANDRA CRESCENT, B71 3AG

- A Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

£135,000

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- Four Bedrooms
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain

£214,995

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- A Two Bedroomed End Terrace
- Part C/H and Part D/G
- Off Road Parking
- Freehold

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PIERCY STREET, B70 9PH

- An End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Freehold

£124,950

MARSH LANE, B72 3DP

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- Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom

£395 PCM

OLDBURY CAKEMORE ROAD

- Two Storey Flat
- First Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM

ROWLEY REGIS DUDLEY ROAD

- First Floor Flat
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Secured Access
- Designated Parking

£425 PCM

TIPTON MIDDLE MEADOW

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Familiy Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Secured Buzzer Entrance
- Sorry NO DHSS

£450 PCM

WEST BROMWICH TAME STREET

- Three Storey Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room

£575 PCM

WEDNESBURY WESTMORE WAY

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Garage
- Sorry NO DHSS

£650 PCM

TAMEBRIDGE OXLIP CLOSE

- Extended Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
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- En-suite Shower Room
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WORDSWORTH CLOSE
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Reception Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

£56,950

DARLASTON
DANGERFIELD LANE
- 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Driveway

£71,000

DARLASTON
ADDENBROOKE STREET
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens

£79,950

WEDNESBURY
POUND ROAD
- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Close to Wednesbury Centre
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

£79,995

WEST BROMWICH
MONKGATE DRIVE
- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Allocated Parking
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms

£93,950

WEST BROMWICH
CROCKFORD ROAD
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Garage
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- NO CHAIN

£104,950

TIPTON
ST HELENS AVENUE
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

£104,950

HALL STREET EAST
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway

£109,950

WEDNESBURY ALDER ROAD

- One Bedroom
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Refurbished
- Located in a Cul De Sac
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£109,950

WEST BROMWICH
CROCKFORD ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- W.C.
- Off Road Parking

£110,000

WEDNESBURY
LILAC GROVE
- Semi Detached House
- Downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

£112,000

WEST BROMWICH
EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- One Reception Room
- Double Glazing
- Downstairs W/C
- Gas Central Heating
- Fully Fitted
- Off Road Parking

£117,500

WEST BROMWICH
SIDDONS WAY
- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

£117,950

TIPTON
TIBBINGTON TERRACE
- Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Maintained
- Downstairs W/C

£119,950

WEDNESBURY
MANOR HOUSE ROAD
- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway

£121,000

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
- Three Bedroom Terrace with En-Suite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Master Bedroom

£122,950

TIPTON
BILSTON ROAD
- Three Bed Semi-Detached
- Veranda
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Garage

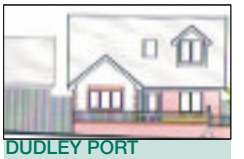
£124,950

WEDNESBURY
CHARLOTTE ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Block Paved Driveway

£124,950

WEDNESBURY
FRANCHISE STREET
- NO CHAIN
- Transport Links
- Two Reception Rooms
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Fitted Wardrobes
- Fitted Kitchen
- Excellent
- Looking For a Quick Sale

£124,995



DUDLEY PORT
JOHNS LANE
- 3 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- Detached Garage

£155,000

WEDNESBURY
OAKESWELL STREET
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Summer House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Kitchen

£163,000

WEST BROMWICH
STANLEY ROAD
- Semi Detached
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Extended and
- Off Road Parking

£169,950

WEDNESBURY
ADDISON TERRACE
- 4 Bedroom Detached with En-Suite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Master Bedroom
- Garage

£179,500

WEST BROMWICH
BIRD END
- Four Bedroom Dormer Bungalow
- Two Recption Rooms
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Large Conservatory
- Garage & Driveway

£234,950

WEDNESBURY
GOLDBY DRIVE
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Detched Garage

£235,000

WEDNESBURY
WESTMORE WAY
- Detached Double Fronted
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Walk In Shower Room
- Five Bedrooms
- Downstairs W/C
- Two Reception Rooms
- Electric Garage

£239,950

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NEW

WEST BROMWICH
MALVERN CLOSE
★ Three bedroom detached dormer bungalow
★ Through lounge and breakfast kitchen
★ Guest cloaks/WC and family bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Driveway, garage and car port
★ Rear garden
£225,000

NEW

TIPTON
LISSIMORE DRIVE
★ Modern four bedroom detached
★ Lounge, dining room, conservatory and kitchen diner
★ Upstairs family bathroom and en suite to master bedroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Landscaped rear garden
£225,000

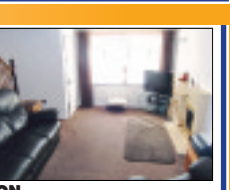
NEW

TIPTON
GLEBFIELDS ROAD
★ Extended three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge with dining area, conservatory
★ Extended fitted kitchen
★ Refitted bathroom
★ Blacked paved driveway
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Rear garden
£134,950

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
STANLEY ROAD
★ Three bedroom traditional semi detached
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Conservatory with WC ★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking and garage to rear
★ Front and rear gardens
£154,950

NEW



TIPTON
NAPIER DRIVE
★ Three bedroom detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen and conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Rear garden
£144,995

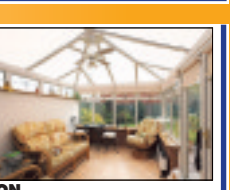
NEW

TIPTON
ST HELENS AVENUE
★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Kitchen
★ Off road parking to the front
★ Rear garden
£109,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
ALL SAINTS WAY
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Detached garage
★ Garden
£141,950

NEW



TIPTON
KERR DRIVE
★ Link detached chalet-style with two/three bedrooms
★ Bedroom three/study, lounge/dining room
★ Conservatory, fitted kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage, driveway and rear garden
£139,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
CROOKHAY LANE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ In need of redecoration and modernisation
★ Two reception rooms
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage
★ Front and rear gardens
£104,000

NEW

TIPTON
CLARKES GROVE
★ Two/three bedroom semi detached bungalow
★ Extended and improved
★ Refitted kitchen/diner and refitted bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking and garage
★ Rear garden
£137,500

NEW

TIPTON
FERGUSON DRIVE
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and fitted kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
★ Alarm
£121,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
ANSON ROAD
★ Three bedroom mid terrace
★ Lounge, dining room, kitchen
★ Outside WC and first floor family bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage to rear of property
★ Front and rear gardens
£89,950

NEW

COSELEY
EARL STREET
★ Modern three bedroom two and a half storey semi detached
★ Fitted kitchen, lounge
★ Bathroom, downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden
£114,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
RAILWAY STREET
★ Two bedroom modern mid terrace
★ Lounge and conservatory
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden
£102,500

NEW

TIPTON
WYNN GRIFFITH DRIVE
★ One bedroom semi detached house
★ Modernised and improved
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Open plan lounge/kitchen
★ Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
★ Allocated parking
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NEW

TIPTON
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★ Lounge
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Allocated parking
★ Rear garden
£84,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
BLOOMFIELD ROAD
★ Three storey, three double bedroomed end terrace
★ Lounge, diningkitchen, study, En suite to master bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Detached garage
★ Summer house with a 4 seated spa pool
★ Front and rear gardens
Was £159,995 Now £154,995

NEW

£84,995

TIPTON
CHATWINS WHARF
★ Two bedroom bungalow for over 55 residents only
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Communal parking
★ Small rear garden

REDUCED

TIPTON
OLD PORT CLOSE
★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
Was £112,500 Now £109,995

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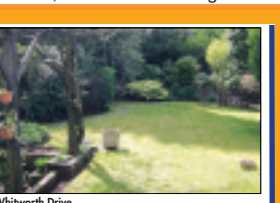
NEW

Wednesbury
Hydes Road
A superior four bedroom detached property, having large attic room with en suite, two receptions, impressive re-fitted kitchen, conservatory, 35ft garage with playroom at rear and 100ft garden.
£244,950

NEW

Wednesbury
Allen Road
A large 4 bedroom detached family home with two reception rooms, two bathrooms, study, utility, superb refitted kitchen, conservatory, garden and off road parking
£249,950

NEW



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Whitworth Drive
QUICK POSSESSION AVAILABLE.Four Bedroom Detached home in a popular cul de sac location. Having the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing, Master bedroom having en-suite shower room, two receptions, Garage, parking and a lovely large private landscaped rear Garden.
£219,950

NEW

Wednesbury
Three bedroom detached property in a much sought after area.
Offering excellent accommodation comprising: Lounge, separate

Kendrick Street
Dining room, kitchen with appliances, utility with wc off. En suite
To master bedroom, garage with ample parking and good size rear garden.
£215,000

NEW

Wednesbury
Goldby Drive
Offering flexible accommodation this three bedroom, three bathroom property is in excellent order throughout. Having ground floor bedroom and bathroom ideal for teenager/relative, beautifully fitted kitchen with full range of appliances, garage and off road parking.
£142,950

NEW

Walsall
Bescot Road
Located close to Junction 9 of the M6 and with excellent access to local schools and shopping, this extended semi detached home is offered for sale with no upward chain. Situated on a corner plot with ample off road parking, the extended accommodation briefly comprises of : Through lounge/dining room, extended breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, small rear garden, large garage, gated off road parking.
£119,995

NEW

Wednesbury
Rachael Gardens
Three bedroom modernised semi detached house in a sought after area providing an excellent family home. The property also falls within the catchment area for Wood Green High School. L shaped living room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for several cars.
£142,500

NEW

West Bromwich
Rutland Road
This well proportioned three bedroom semi detached property, glazing gas central heating, landscaped well tended gardens, substantial Having two receptions, double out-building with Wc.
£124,950

NEW

West Bromwich
Sheldon Road
This extended traditional-style semi detached house is offered for sale with no upward chain and offers newly double-glazed and centrally heated accommodation with off road parking and garage facility. The property, which was originally three bedrooms, now has two bedrooms plus large first floor bathroom, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, ground floor wc and utility rooms and a pleasant rear garden.
£119,950

NEW

Darlaston
Willenhall Street
Modern three bedroom semi detached home with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating.The property is situated close to local amenities and is ideal for the first time buyer.
£99,950

NEW

West Bromwich
St Pauls Crescent
Situated in a small cul de sac in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich, this three bedroom semi is offered for sale with no upward chain. The property has double glazing, a new central heating system and off road parking - an ideal first time or investment buy
£94,950

NEW

Wednesbury
A spacious first floor maisonette having three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens & no upward chain. Considered ideal as a first time purchase or investment.

Lower High Street
£79,950

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
HOLLYHEDGE ROAD
A rare opportunity to acquire this superior detached property in a prestige location of West Bromwich. With four bedrooms, two en-suite s, three reception rooms plus a large conservatory this fabulous family home simply must be viewed.
£339,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
36 ELWELL STREET
Recently built detached property, three bedrooms, master with en-suite, two reception rooms, kitchen with fitted appliances, guest w/c and family bathroom, foregarden and single garage, beautiful low maintenance rear garden
£159,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
OLDBURY STREET
stamp duty exempt in wednesbury up to £150,000 - a three bed detached - great value for money book a viewing today.
£144,995

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
Lime Road
A spacious three bedroom semi detached house in good order throughout with double glazing, central heating, large lounge and rear garden with substantial outbuildings and ample off road parking.
£125,000

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
DARBY ROAD
- ★ Semi detached house
- ★ Ideal first time purchase
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Recently fitted kitchen
- ★ Re-fitted first floor bathroom
- ★ Private enclosed rear garden
- ★ Off road parking to the fore
- ★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£115,000

REDUCED

Wednesbury
Handley Street
This much improved and well proportioned three bedroom home, having re-fitted kitchen and bathroom. Double glazed gas central heating, long rear garden, garage plus off road parking.
£109,950

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
24 JAMES WATT STREET
- ★ Four bedroom mid terraced property
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Ideal for a family purchaser or for investment purposes
- ★ Close to local amenities this large mid terraced
- ★ Porch, reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen
- ★ Four bedrooms and a large rear garden

£95,000

REDUCED

Walsall
Webster Road
A three bedroom semi detached property in a quiet cul de sac close to Walsall town centre with double glazing, central heating and no upward chain. With a 5% vendor gifted deposit, this traditional semi must be viewed by first time buyers. A refitted kitchen and bathroom and plenty of space to grow into with the added bonus of generous gardens and off road parking surely worth taking a look
£82,000

REDUCED

Darlaston
Marston Avenue
An extended traditional-style two bedroom semi detached property available with no upward chain. Quietly situated in a cul de sac close to Darlaston Town Centre, the property benefits from double glazing, central heating and is competitively priced to appeal to first time buyers or for investment
£79,950

REDUCED

Darlaston
Hall Street East
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An improved and extended semi detached property location having large themed landscaped and well maintained garden to the rear, storm porch entrance, hall, lounge, dining room, inner hallway having bathroom, seperate w.c, stores and conservatory leading off, kitchen. Staircase to three bedrooms, central heating and double glazing, off road parking and rear garden

SMETHWICK

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Offers in the region of £124,950

A double fronted mid town house providing well maintained accommodation. Hall entrance, lounge, dining kitchen, lobby stores and W.C. off. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead , three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, central heating where specified, off road parking to front, rear garden

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CAUSEWAY GREEN ROAD

Offers in the region of £114,950

A deceptively spacious mid town house. uPVC entrance door to reception hall, through lounge divided into lounge and dining area doors to Galley style kitchen including with conservatory leading off. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms, shower room, double glazing, central heating where specified, front and rear gardens

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VICTORIA ROAD

Offers in the region of £109,950

A semi detached property situated in a corner position having potential for side extension subject to planning consent, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, shower room. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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ASCOT CLOSE

Price: £105,000

A semi detached property situated in a popular location requiring some decorative improvement. Hall entrance, lounge feature fireplace, dining kitchen, conservatory. Stairs from lounge to first floor landing, three bedrooms bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazing, off road parking, carport and rear garden

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Offers in the region of £95,995

A well presented, maintained and improved mid terraced property situated in a convenient location with off road parking situated to the rear comprising storm porch entrance into front room, inner hallway, rear sitting room, archway to modern kitchen. Staircase to landing, two bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, front and easily maintained rear garden

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PENNCRICKET LANE

Offers in the region of £95,000

A fully modernised and refurbished end terraced property having rear off road car parking facility uPVC door into front room feature fireplace, inner hallway stores off, rear sitting room feature fireplace, kitchen. Staircase to landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing and central heating, rear yard, garden and off road parking facility through shared access to side

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FLORENCE ROAD

Price: £89,950

A traditional semi detached property requiring complete refurbishment and modernisation. Hall entrance with stores off into two reception rooms kitchen area, lobby. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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Price: £59,950

A semi detached property in need of complete modernisation and refurbishment. Hall entrance, lounge, kitchen stores off, dining room. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead two bedrooms, bathroom area, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens

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Situated in a well established residential cul-de-sac just off Cakemore Road this well presented modern semi-detached offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. Full internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises entrance hall, front kitchen, spacious lounge, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, second bedroom, house bathroom, integral garage, gardens to fore and rear, freehold.

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

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UPLANDS AVENUE, ROWLEY REGIS

Situated in a popular and convenient residential locality this well presented extended traditional semi-detached residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. The property has been much improved and briefly comprises: storm porch, reception hall, two living rooms, extended kitchen, large conservatory, utility, side garage, three bedrooms, shower room, good sized foregarden with off street parking for three cars, long rear garden. Freehold

Offers based on: £137,000

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MOAT ROAD, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection is highly recommended for this well presented modern semi detached residence situated in a very popular residential locality, it benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises reception hall, fitted kitchen, rear lounge, two good sized bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, enclosed rear garden, allocated car parking space, freehold.

Offers based on: £112,500

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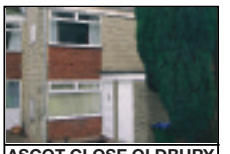

ASCOT CLOSE OLDBURY

Forming an ideal first time purchase this well presented first floor maisonette is situated in a popular residential development just off the Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury and offers good accommodation with double bedroom, lounge, bathroom, kitchen, fore and rear gardens, garage in block at rear (in state of disrepair).

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HIGHBURY ROAD, OLDBURY

Full internal inspectionis highly recommended for this well presented semi detached residence contained in a popular locality, the prperty benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises reception hall, ope plan lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, laundry room with toilet off, side garage, three bedrooms, bathroom, excellent large gardens, freehold.

Offers based on: £145,000

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BROOK STREET, WEST BROMWICH

Situated in an established residential neighbourhood close to West Bromwich town centre this extended semi-detached residence requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The property has been well maintained by the present occupiers and briefly comprises reception hall, two reception rooms, large breakfast kitchen, study, additional sitting room, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens fore and rear, double glazing, central heating. Freehold.

Offers based on £185,000

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LINCOLN ROAD, SMETHWICK

Situated in this popular location a semi detached style end town house offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom with shower, hall, spacious lounge, study, dining room, utility, kitchen, garage, garden and having the benefit of off street parking to the front, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on: £144,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

MARSHALL ROAD, BEARWOOD

A traditional style freehold semi detached property occupying an extremely popular location in this established residential neighbourhood, within easy reach of Warley Woods, the main Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road, thus providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, , spacious garden to the rear, detached garage and having the benefit of off street parking, being within easy reach of Bearwood town centre and comprehensive day to day amenities are close at hand.

Offers based on £139,950

Viewing via Bearwood Office

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16 HARDEN KEEP

A most pleasantly situated centrally heated modern bungalow forming part of an attractive laid out secure development of similar homes specifically designed for the over 60s, leading off Millpool Way in Smethwick, having double bedroom, refitted bathroom, lounge, kitchen and gardens with the benefit of emergency pull switches to principal rooms and being offered with a 95% equity share in conjunction with Harden Housing Association.

Offers based on £39,950

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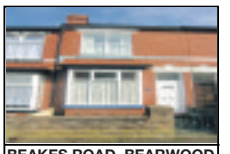

BEAKES ROAD, BEARWOOD

Located in this popular and established residential neighbourhood just off the main Bearwood High Street, a traditional style freehold terraced property offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, split level through lounge/dining room, kitchen, shower room and garden to the rear, having the benefit of good day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing easy access to Birmingham city centre.

Offers based on: £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HALES LANE

A most carefully maintained and conveniently situated, traditional style freehold semi-detached residence offering double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, refitted half tiled bathroom, well proportioned lounge, dining/kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc and store, established gardens front and rear, located within easy reach of High Street facilities and being sensibly priced for appeal to first time buyers.

Offers based on £109,750

Viewing: Bearwood Office

RAMSAY ROAD

A traditional style freehold semi-detached property occupying an extremely popular location in this established residential neighbourhood, within easy reach of Warley Woods, the main Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road, thus providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, neatly laid out gardens to front and rear, and having the benefit of detached garage and off-street parking, being within easy reach of Bearwood town centre and comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, but requiring some general modernisation.

Offers based on £137,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PRINCESS ROAD

Situated in a popular and extremely convenient residential locality, a traditional style semi-detached town house offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, part tiled shower room, hall, lounge, dining/kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens and off-street parking, with the considerable advantage of a double garage to the side and having a good range of day-to-day amenities close at hand, ideal for first time purchasers although it does need some further upgrading.

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD

A recently refurbished and extended, freehold, double fronted, semi-detached property occupying a most convenient location close to the main Wolverhampton Road and good day-to-day amenities, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, downstairs wet room and cloakroom, neatly laid out garden to the rear and having the benefit of off-street parking to the front, providing easy access to Birmingham city centre and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £164,950

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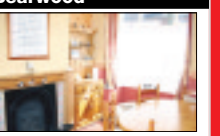

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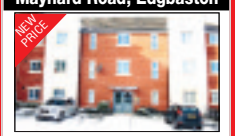

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Equity scheme opens door to new homes

HOUSEBUILDER David Wilson Mercia is now offering first-time buyers in Walsall the chance to move into a brand new home at its Waterside Walk development for as little as £85 per week.

A selection of two-bedroom apartments are now available to buy at Waterside Walk and with the help of David Wilson's shared equity scheme, which allows purchasers to move in for just 85 per cent of the price, many people could now find home ownership to be more affordable than they think.

The apartments, some of which overlook the adjacent canal, are perfect for couples and young professionals.

Spacious

They offer an open plan kitchen/living area, en-suite to the master bedroom, further spacious bedroom and stylish main bathroom.

Steve Barton, sales manager for David Wilson Mercia comments: "Priced from £89,950, these two-bedroomed apartments are certainly very affordable and are already proving to be popular with couples and young professionals looking for their first home.

Reduce

"What's more, to make the prospect of home ownership even easier, we are offering our hugely popular shared equity scheme called Head Start on these apartments which means that buyers could move in for just 85 per cent of the price."

With the scheme there is no interest or rent to pay on the outstanding 15 per cent.

The deferred amount is paid back as 15 per cent of the property's open market value, up to the point of resale or within 10 years, whichever of the two is sooner.

Steve added: "Potential purchasers could find that they are able to buy one of these brand new homes for an initial outlay of as little as £76,458 which is outstanding value for money.

"It means that buyers can significantly reduce their mortgage payments to maybe just £85 per week, while their deposit could be as low as £3,823.

"The chance to move into a brand new home for less than £80,000 is an unmissable opportunity and really could be an easy way to get on to the property ladder."

Waterside Walk also offers an additional selection of two- and three-bedroomed homes priced from £119,950.

Information

For more information, contact the sales office on 01922 491 419. It is open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, log on to the website at www.dwh.co.uk/watersidewalk or call the sales hotline on 0844 811 3322, which is open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm.

The Waterside Walk development is proving popular with young couples and first-time buyers in particular

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New engine cuts consumption

FRENCH car manufacturer Renault has announced the development of a new diesel engine that delivers 20 per cent better fuel consumption than its predecessor.

The new engine has been developed by the Renault-Nissan Alliance and will be the first in the new ìEnergyî range of engines to replace the existing 1.9 dCi 130 power plant.

The company reckons that both fuel consumption and CO2 figures have been improved by 20 per cent to 52.3 miles per gallon and 117g/km respectively.

Power output is still an impressive 130bhp and the engine develops a more than acceptable 320Nm of torque.

The new engine has a host of technologies to reduce CO2 emissions.

Source: Louise Hutchinson, creditplus

Get some wind in your hair in a Mégane Coupé Cabriolet

Renault's new deals can put a spring in your step

EASTER holidays and the Royal Wedding are not the only reasons to be cheerful this April.

Renault is trying to light up motorists' faces with savings on selected new cars.

Enjoy the warmth of the spring sunshine in Renault's stylish drop-top Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet, complete with integrated TomTom sat nav and Bluetooth technology for £249 per month.

Alternatively put a spring in your step with a new Renault Clio Dynamique TomTom for just £169 per month.

The firm also has a big choice of pre-owned Renault cars.

And with three bank holidays in the month, there are plenty of chances to get along and check them out.

A Renault Clio, for instance, with MP3 connectivity, Bluetooth and allow wheels can be driven away for £133.95 per month.

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The overhauled pro_cee'd '4' has a satnav system as standard

Kia's family car is given a subtle, sporty facelift

KIA MOTORS UK Ltd has introduced a new top-line pro_cee'd to its family car line up.

Surpassing the existing pro_cee'd "3", the facelifted pro_cee'd "4" features the Schreyer grille and a new higher output 1.6-litre diesel engine producing 126bhp at 6,200rpm – 13bhp above the current engine. Top speed is 122mph with 0-60mph acceleration in just over 10 seconds.

The new pro_cee'd "4" comes with 17in alloy wheels and black bezel headlights and privacy glass to help create the sporty exterior appearance. The interior has full black leather upholstery combined with front heated seats and a leather trimmed steering wheel to add a luxurious feel. Cruise control is fitted as standard with controls on the steering wheel for driver convenience.

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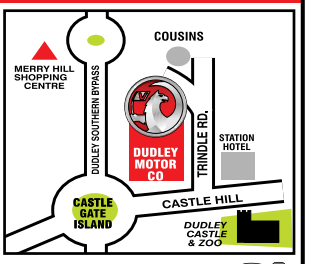

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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (AREA NO. 6 TIPTON, TIVIDALE AND OLDBURY) (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER NO. 11) 2011

The Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984 proposes to make an Order which will have the effect of revoking The Borough Council of Sandwell (Area No. 6 Tipton, Tividale and Oldbury) (Traffic Regulation Order No. 10) 2011 by amending as follows:-

1. To reduce the length of limited waiting between the hours of 8.00am - 6.00pm on Mondays - Saturdays for a maximum waiting time of 1 hour with no return for 2 hours in part of the south side of the service road for 19-23a Market Place, Great Bridge, which will be replaced with an on street taxi rank to be operational at any time.
2. To introduce an on street taxi rank in part of the north side of Dudley Port, Tipton, south west of its junction with Station Drive which will be operational at any time.

A copy of the draft Order, the Orders to be revoked, a Statement of Reasons for making the Order and plans showing the roads affected may be examined at the Offices of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury between the hours of 8.00 am to 5.30 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 8.00 am to 5.00 pm on Fridays. Plans are also available to view on the Council's website.

Any person wishing to make an objection or representation to the proposed Order must do so in writing stating their representation or the grounds of their objection to the Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands B70 8RU or by e mail to highways@sandwell.gov.uk by no later than 19th May 2011.

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY) (TEMPORARY ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in a south westerly direction in Titford Road, Oldbury, between its junctions with Old Park Lane/Broad Street and Wolverhampton Road. This will have the effect of temporarily making part of Titford Road a one-way road.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Broad Street, High Street, Langley Green Road, Causeway Green Road and Wolverhampton Road.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate major water main rehabilitation works.
4. The Order will take effect on 2nd May 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 5th June 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Adam Farthing of UPLS on behalf of South Staffs Water on telephone number 0121 521 2820. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

Dated this 21st day of April 2011

N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury

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Registered Number: 00192702

The Company's registered office is European Business Park, Taylors Lane, Oldbury, West Midlands.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Christopher Kim Rayment (office holder number 6775) of BDO LLP, 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3SD was appointed Liquidator of the above named company following a General Meeting on 31 March 2011.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the Company must send details in writing of any claim against the Company to the Liquidator at BDO LLP, 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3SD by 31 May 2011. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182(A)(6) that he intends to make a final distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by 31 May 2011 otherwise a distribution will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proven. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

It should be noted that the Directors of the Company have made a Statutory Declaration that they have made a full inquiry into the affairs of the Company and that they are of the opinion that the Company will be able to pay its debts in full within a period of twelve months from the commencement of the winding-up.

In the case of any queries, please contact Ann Moore at Ann.Moore@bdo.co.uk

Dated: 12 April 2011

Christopher Kim Rayment
Liquidator

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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (LEWISHAM ROAD, ETC., SMETHWICK) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011

Compulsory Purchase of Land and new rights in Lewisham Road, Mafeking Road and Bridge Street North, Smethwick

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of Sandwell has made The Borough Council of Sandwell (Lewisham Road, etc., Smethwick) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011 under Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. It is about to submit this order to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for confirmation, and if confirmed, the order will authorise the Borough Council of Sandwell to purchase compulsorily the land and the new rights described below for the purposes of delivering comprehensive development, redevelopment or improvement to provide a housing led mixed use scheme.

A copy of the order and of the accompanying map may be seen at all reasonable hours at the Smethwick Council House, High Street, Smethwick and at Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury.

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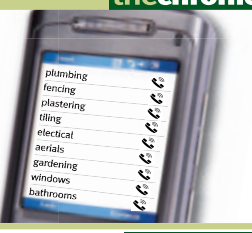

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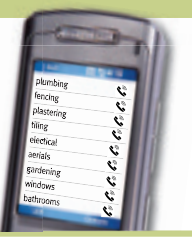

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NON-LEAGUE

Title race goes to the wire

COALVILLE 2 TIPTON TOWN 0

TIPTON gifted Coalville two goals in the opening 15 minutes to hand the home side victory and blow open the Midland Alliance title race.

Errors in the opening few minutes could have resulted in both sides taking the early lead.

Tipton appealed in vain for an offside flag and Jerome Murdock burst through, rounded Matt Sargeant but somehow only found the side netting. Next up was Coalville's turn to mess up. Zach Costello dwelled too long on the ball, Danny Bragoli robbed him and chipped the ball over the stranded Sean Bowles but the ball came back off the crossbar.

Ryan Robbins went close for the home side. The winger gave Tipton a torrid time all afternoon but on this occasion dragged his shot wide.

The opening goal came on nine minutes. Slack defending allowed Nathan Jones room on the left, Jones crossed for Ant Carney at the back post and scrambled effort was turned in from close range by Murdock.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Tipton conceded again five minutes later. Dan Parker was caught in possession, Jones was able to keep the loose ball in and cut back for Callum Woodward. The former Coventry Sphinx man made no mistake with a cool finish.

Coalville had shown their own liabilities at the back but there was nothing on the offensive side from Tipton all game.

Coalville captain Ashley Brown could have made it three when he fired goalwards after Murdock's flick but was just off target.

Tipton ended the half with arguably their brightest spell. Marcus Jackson's corner was met by Alex Cowley but Tipton were unable to convert the loose ball.

There was more of the same after the break with again Tipton woeful in their own box. Carney struck the bar with a clever effort on the turn and Woodward could only head the rebound straight at Sargeant.

Jackson was denied after Bragoli's shot had broke to him but Coalville got enough bodies back to deal with the danger.

Tipton made a double substitution with Danny Campbell and Danny Forrest coming on, John Hill and Jozsef Jakab were withdrawn.

Robbins and Jackson clashed on the halfway line with the bad-tempered Robbins lucky to remain on the pitch after raising his hands. The referee booked both players.

Coalville reacted quickly to substitute Robbins before he became the second player to miss the FA Vase final through suspension.

The game came to an end with Coalville more than good value for the win.

The result leaves Coalville trailing Tipton by six points with two games in hand but, with the erratic form of both sides in recent weeks, there are sure to be more twists and turns to come in the remaining couple of weeks.

Hopes fading

BUSTLEHOLME 0 BEWDLEY 5

BUSTLEHOLME'S hopes of a top-three finish in the West Midlands Premier League were all but dashed after their heaviest defeat for three seasons.

With goalkeeper Neil Page still missing through injury, the Bs got off to the worst possible start when they were caught napping from a quick corner and Chris Hough headed home Dan Flowers' cross in the opening minute.

Russ Godfrey added a second when he once again caught the Bustleholme defence flat-footed and Chris Seekings added a third.

Godfrey got his second of the game to put Bewdley four up at the break.

Matty Jukes came close on a couple of occasions as Bustleholme tried to make the scoreline respectable but it was Godfrey who was on target again when he completed his hat-trick late on.

SPEEDWAY

Brummies suffer defeat in first derby of the season

Kasprzak's fireworks at home turn into a damp squib away

BIRMINGHAM went down to a 56-38 defeat at neighbours Coventry in their first Elite League derby of the season on Friday.

Danny King was top man for the Perry Barr side with a string of impressive rides in his 13-point haul and Ben Barker notched 7+2 on his return to Brandon after leaving Coventry during the winter.

King worked hard for his points but didn't get the support he needed, particularly from former Coventry man Krzysztof Kasprzak who made an unsuccessful return and failed to win a race.

Home skipper Edward Kennett was at his brilliant best with a 15-point maximum to inspire the reigning champions in their opening league outing of the season.

Brummies boss Graham Drury said: "We were better than our last meeting at Eastbourne but there are still some performances within the team which need to improve."

Birmingham also lost Daniel Nermark after an awkward tumble.

COVENTRY 56: Edward Kennett 15, Przemyslaw Pawlicki 10+1, Hans Andersen 9, Kenni Larsen 8, Richard Sweetman 5+2, Ryan Fisher 5+1, Nick Morris 4+1. **BIRMINGHAM 38:** Daniel King 13, Krzysztof Kasprzak 9+1, Ben Barker 7+2, Aaron Summers 3, Theo Pijper 3, Ales Dryml 2, Daniel Nermark 1.

Skipper Krzysztof Kasprzak scored a brilliant paid maximum to inspire Birmingham to their first Elite League points of the new season with a 52-40 win over Lakeside.

Kasprzak put in a stunning display in another highly entertaining Perry Barr encounter as the Brummies saw off the challenge of Lakeside, with reserve Kevin Wolbert also in terrific form.

The combination of Kasprzak and Ales Dryml proved very profitable with two 5-1s, the second coming in dramatic fashion as the Hammers' Adam Shields came to grief on the second lap as the home duo were moving inside him in Heat 10.

Kasprzak's win over the double-points Lee Richardson in Heat 13 made sure of match victory, but there was more action in the penultimate race with Wolbert taking his third win of the night and Daniel King surging inside Kyle Legault into the last bend.

Ex-Brummies rider Legault fell as King crossed the line in third place, which was enough to clinch all three points for the home side with Kasprzak wrapping up his maximum in the final race.

BIRMINGHAM 52: Krzysztof Kasprzak 14+1, Kevin Wolbert 11, Ben Barker 7+2, Daniel King 7, Daniel Nermark 7, Ales Dryml 6+1, Theo Pijper 0. **LAKESIDE 40:** Lee Richardson 11+1, Peter Ljung 9, Piotr Swiderski 8, Kyle Legault 7, Kauko Nieminen 2, Adam Shields 2, Robert Mear 1+1.

DUDLEY Heathens went agonisingly close to a sensational away win in their opening National League meeting of the season but had to settle for a point from a 45-44 defeat at Mildenhall.

The former Cradley club, who took a bumper following to the West Row track, found themselves 10-2 down after a nightmare start but managed to get back into the meeting thanks mainly to Adam Roynon, Ashley Morris and guest Barrie Evans.

They took the lead for the first time in the meeting in Heat 13 when Roynon and Evans teamed up for a maximum 5-1. But the home side then claimed a 4-2 to take a one-point lead into the last heat decider.

James Brundle was the hero for the Fen Tigers as he took the chequered flag ahead of Roynon and Evans.

Heathens boss Will Pottinger said: "I've got mixed feelings, to get so close to a win and miss out in the last heat is a bit disappointing, but after we were 10-2 down after the first two races then I have to say it's a good effort. There are lots of positives."

MILDENHALL 45: Lewis Blackbird 9, Aaron Baseby 8+2, James Brundle 8, Jack Hargreaves 8, Daniel Halsey 7, Danny Stoneman 3+1, Joe Jacobs 2+2. **DUDLEY 44:** Adam Roynon 14, Ashley Morris 10, Barrie Evans 9+2, Tom Perry 6+1, Richard Franklin 3+1, Darryl Ritchings 2, Luke Chessell 0.

MOTOR RACING

James Dixon drove the Wednesbury based team to victory

TCR man drives to victory

JAMES Dixon secured Total Control Racing's second victory of 2011 at Donington Park on Sunday, during the fourth round of the AirAsia Renault Clio Cup UK, to move the Wednesbury team into second place in the championship standings.

Beginning the race on pole position after a great effort in qualifying, the Kent driver made a decent getaway and headed off the challenge of championship leader Paul Rivett to assume a lead he held to the chequered flag on lap 14. Soaking up plenty of pressure, Dixon didn't put a wheel wrong and his success has moved him to within 22 points of Rivett in the runner-up spot in the driver standings.

In addition to his outright victory, the TCR man secured his second Graduate Cup class win of the weekend.

Team-mate Tom Grice had an altogether more difficult race and unfortunately wasn't able to capitalise on his best qualifying run of the year, the car racing rookie having posted the third fastest time during Saturday's session.

Pushed back to sixth place early on, the Essex racer received contact at the sweeping Craner Curves on lap three to cause further problems. Gathering himself up in eighth place, Grice was then tagged into a spin at Redgate at the beginning of lap nine before more contact on lap 10 led to an enforced retirement.

Villa on Roeder to recovery

TALKING POINT

FUTURES:

With Villa now almost certain to avoid relegation, Gerard Houllier has five games to start making serious decisions about which players he wants to show the exit door in the summer.

The need to bring down the wage bill at Villa Park is a pressing matter for the board and the manager.

Inevitably it means that a number of the squad are playing for their futures at the club and, while results must come first, Houllier may ponder the opportunity to give some of the fringe players the chance to show they deserve a place in his plans.

Next three games…

STOKE (H) SAT

If ever there was a team who will enjoy bringing Villa back down to earth with a bump, then it is Stoke.

ALBION (A) APR 30

An opportunity to claim local bragging rights with both teams expected to now avoid the drop.

WIGAN (H) MAY 7

A chance to do the double over the Latics and, who knows, maybe a late push for a European place.

FORGET the mathematics – Villa will be playing Premier League football next season.

Despite the twists and turns of this campaign, even they are not capable of the kind of collapse required to see them relegated to the Championship with five games remaining.

Manager Gerard Houllier and the players will, of course, publicly insist otherwise. But with seven points between them and Blackpool in 18th place you get the feeling Villa's supporters will not require calculators for the visit of Liverpool on the final day of the season.

You have to wonder whether Houllier's decision to utilise Glenn Roeder to do some tactical analysis has come at a crucial time for the Villa boss with games against the former Newcastle and West Ham manager's clubs.

Villa have played down Roeder's role and it was something which was met with scepticism by sections of the fans who naturally do not wish the club to be associated with a man associated with relegation.

But scouting and management are two different areas completely. Great scouts do not make great managers. And vice-versa.

Privately the club are keen to bring Roeder on board in the near future, and based on the fact that Houllier has got things tactically spot on in the past two games shows perhaps the knee-jerk reactions were slightly unfair.

Certainly the match itself – with the exception of the first 20 minutes when they looked nervy after falling behind – Villa got their tactics absolutely spot on.

The fact they won 11 corners and had 24 attempts on goal only tells half the story, such was the dominance of the visitors

WEST HAM 1
VILLA 2

after they had equalised.

Houllier made two changes from the side which defeated Newcastle as he recalled Nigel Reo-Coker to face his former club in place of Jean Makoun, while the physical presence of Emile Heskey was preferred to Gabby Agbonlahor.

The afternoon had started disastrously for the claret and blues. The crowd had barely taken their seats when West Ham opened the scoring after Villa failed to deal with a Mark Noble corner in the second minute. James Collins blocked a shot on the edge of the penalty area but former Villain Thomas Hitzlsperger headed it back into the path of Robbie Keane who beat the offside trap.

The Ireland striker took one touch to control before he swivelled and directed a powerful shot past goalkeeper Brad Friedel from just outside the six-yard box.

Villa struggled to get back into the game and West Ham felt they should have been awarded a penalty in the 16th minute when a long ball sent Carlton Cole clear and Richard Dunne appeared to body check the striker.

Cole continued to pose a menace to the Villa defence and four minutes later a pinpoint diagonal ball from Gary O'Neil was met and controlled by the West Ham forward and his snap shot brought a diving save out of Friedel.

Suddenly though, everything seemed to click into place. Villa's slick passing and swift counter attacks became more threatening.

The visitors thought they had equalised in the 24th minute when Kyle Walker released Stewart Downing and his jinking run culminated in a cross to the back post in the direction of Darren Bent. The England international powerfully headed past goalkeeper Robert Green but referee Mark Halsey harshly judged that Bent had pushed Lars Jacobsen in the back.

Villa's endeavour paid off in the 36th minute when Noble dallied on the ball too long inside his own area and after Heskey's tackle the ball was picked up by Ashley Young and laid into the path of Luke Young.

The full-back whipped the ball into the six-yard box and Bent was able to steal in front of Wayne Bridge, who was caught ball watching, before he glanced a header past Green into the bottom-left corner of the net.

The club-record signing almost grabbed a second when he seized on a weak header from Matthew Upson moments after the half-time interval and his shot forced Green to a smart near-post save.

Rampant

Green was called into action moments later when Ashley Young bent a superb free-kick around the West Ham wall which seemed destined for the top-left corner of the net before the England goalkeeper dived full length to push it past the post.

Villa were rampant by this stage and Bent cut inside on to his weaker left foot on the edge of the West Ham box before striking a low shot which whistled past the post in the 55th minute.

Villa cut West Ham open at will as the second half wore on and Bent should have done better in the 72nd minute when a lung-bursting run from Walker set him up eight yards from goal but he failed to make proper contact.

It seemed that Villa would have to settle for a point but Houllier threw on Agbonlahor with 12 minutes remaining and he struck the decisive blow. His powerful header from close range, after he got on the end of Ashley Young's cross to steal all three points, lifted Villa up to ninth.

Yes, you are reading correctly – ninth place. What relegation battle?

But strange as it may seem there are positives to be taken out of Villa's flirtation with the drop zone.

Houllier will have ascertained during this lean spell just who in his squad he can rely on when the chips are down.

Whispers of Everton manager David Moyes replacing the Villa boss emerged last week. But you sense this result will ensure the Frenchman will be given a chance to continue the rebuilding job in the summer.

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The team behind the scenes @Futsal

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The first scholarship schemes were launched 18 months ago at @Futsal's two other centres in Swindon and Cardiff.

Frank Rodriguez, managing director of @Futsal, said he hoped the success of those projects would be replicated in Handsworth.

"The school programme will give students a number of pathways," he explained.

"We do a lot of pastoral care and the youngsters learn a lot of life skills as well as things about communication, interaction and management.

"It should be great for the community and we're very pleased that West Bromwich Albion will be one of our coaching partners."

Opportunities

Frank added that @Futsal has worked closely with local schools and Connexions to provide care and support activities.

"We want people with an appetite to learn who can use futsal to explore career opportunities," he said.

Some 75 applications have already been received for this September's 120 fully-funded scholarships.

All learning is undertaken at the Handsworth venue, with half of the indoor pitch becoming a wireless classroom.

Craig Beecham, director of education @Futsal, added: "The futsal scholarship programme is such a forward thinking project; it gives young players the unique opportunity to develop their technical, tactical, physiological and social skills in a sporting environment whilst gaining a national qualification.

"Futsal is a great game where you need to think quickly and play quickly, and we know it will play a major role in their development as players and people."

A second scholarship is also being launched in the coming weeks for a sports management qualification. Only 40 spaces are currently available, with another 40 starting in September, for a 20-week course aimed at 16-to-19-year-olds.

For more details on scholarships or @Futsal, visit www.futsaluk.net or call 07789 748083.

Inside the Handsworth arena

sport

Not in heaven yet

ROY HODGSON: "As the Swedes so rightly say: 'No tree grows to heaven'. And we've been reminded that we are actually a normal birch tree in the middle of West Bromwich and we aren't going to be doing any Jack and the Beanstalk stuff!

It's been a wonderful spell and, when you've had a good spell with good results, you forget what losing is like. Now we've had to come to terms with it again.

"We can't have any complaints about the fact we lost because Chelsea were clearly better than us.

"But we can be unhappy that some of the determination and desire we showed in the second half was missing in the first half."

Baggies (1)	1	Chelsea (3)	3
Odemwingie 17		Drogba 22 Kalou 26 Lampard 45	
Att 25,163			

MATCH STATS

41%	Possession	59%
6 (3/3)	Shots on target	(6/5) 11
6 (1/5)	Shots off target	(4/4) 8
1 (0/1)	Offsides	(1/8) 9
7 (5/2)	Fouls	(4/6) 10
3 (1/2)	Corners	(5/0) 5
1	Yellow Cards	0
0	Red Cards	0

REFEREE: Lee Probert (Wiltshire).

BAGGIES PLAYER STATS

1	Carson	(4 Catch 1 Tip Over 3 Parry)
12	Reid	➡1 ⚒2 ✖1
23	Meite	➡1 ⚒3 ✖1
3	Olsson	⚒4 ★1 ✖1 ✔1 ☞1
20	Shorey	⚒1 ☞2
11	Brunt	➡1 ★1 ✣2 ✖2 ☞2
21	Mulumbu	✣2 ✖1 ✔3 ☞1
33	Scharner	⚒1 ★1 ✣1 ☞1
14	Thomas	★1 ✔1
7	Morrison	✖1 ☞2
24	Odemwingie	★2 ✣1 ✔3 ◆1 ☞2

subs: 5 Tchoyi **for 14** [82 mins], 18 Vela✔**2** ☞**1** **for 7** [72 mins], 36 Jara **for 7** [72 mins], **not used:** 13 Myhill, 28 Fortune, 30 Tamas, 31 Cox

CHELSEA PLAYER STATS

1	Cech	(6 Catch)
2	Ivanovic	➡1 ☞3
4	David Luiz	✖2 ☞2
26	Terry	➡1 ⚒1 ★1 ✖1
3	Cole	⚒1 ★1 ✣1 ✔2 ☞5
5	Essien	★1 ✖2 ✔2
12	Mikel	✖3
8	Lampard	★2 ◆1 ☞1
21	Kalou	★2 ✣2 ✔1 ◆2 ☞1
11	Drogba	⚒1 ★2 ✣2 ✖2 ✔2 ◆2 ☞5
15	Malouda	★2 ✣3 ◆1 ☞4

subs: 9 Torres◆**3** **for 11** [82 mins], 10 Benayoun **for 8** [77 mins], 17 Bosingwa⚒**1** ☞**2** **for 2** [63 mins], **not used:** 22 Turnbull, 18 Zhirkov, 19 Ferreira, 39 Anelka

Key to reading the player stats: ➡ defensive block ⚒ defensive clearance ★ shot on target ✣ shot off target ✖ Fouls committed ✔ Free-kicks won ◆ Caught offside ☞ Crosses

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	32	15	1	0	42	9	5	8	3	28	23	69
Arsenal	32	10	4	3	31	13	8	5	2	32	18	63
Chelsea	32	11	2	2	29	9	7	5	5	29	17	61
Man City	32	10	4	2	28	11	6	4	6	22	19	56
Tottenham	31	8	6	1	22	12	6	5	5	22	24	53
Liverpool	33	10	4	2	29	12	4	3	10	17	27	49
Everton	33	7	7	3	28	22	4	7	5	19	19	47
Bolton	32	9	5	2	31	19	2	5	9	15	24	43
Aston Villa	33	7	5	4	23	17	3	5	9	19	37	40
Newcastle	32	5	6	5	36	23	5	3	8	12	24	39
WEST BROM	**33**	**6**	**6**	**5**	**27**	**29**	**4**	**3**	**9**	**20**	**33**	**39**
Fulham	32	7	6	3	23	16	1	8	7	13	19	38
Stoke	32	8	4	4	25	16	3	1	12	14	26	38
Birmingham	32	6	7	4	18	19	2	7	6	15	24	38
Sunderland	33	6	5	5	20	19	3	6	8	15	28	38
Blackburn	33	6	6	4	20	14	3	2	12	20	40	35
Wigan	33	4	7	6	18	31	3	6	7	14	22	34
Blackpool	33	4	3	9	25	33	5	3	9	22	36	33
West Ham	33	5	4	8	23	27	2	7	7	16	31	32
Wolverhampton	32	7	3	6	24	25	2	2	12	12	31	32

Peter Odemwingie lifts the ball over Chelsea keeper Petr Cech to fire Albion in front and then celebrates with Paul Scharner. Pictures: Steve Leath

Happy ending is still on the cards

HIS metaphor was odd but Roy Hodgson's message was clear.

The fairytale start for Albion's new boss was never going to last forever.

No-one quite expected Jack and the Beanstalk to crop up in Hodgson's press conference in the wake of his first defeat in charge of the Baggies.

But it proved a useful analogy for the Hawthorns chief on an afternoon when Chelsea brought his players back to earth with a bump.

For two months the start of his Hawthorns reign has been the stuff of dreams. But last year's top-flight winners proved one giant too many for Hodgson and his troops, who were swept aside by a clinical Blues team who delivered a champions' response to a difficult week.

The wonderful start to Hodgson's tenure was extended by 20 minutes as they claimed the lead to raise hopes of yet another famous victory.

Yet Peter Odemwingie's record-breaking goal served only to rattle Chelsea's

cage and Carlo Ancelotti's ageing side proved they can still conjure up afternoons of true class, exposing Albion's defensive weaknesses with a ruthless swagger to claim a comfortable win.

The hosts were out-thought, out-muscled and outplayed by a Blues side still chasing automatic Champions League football for next season.

But Hodgson's men were far from embarrassed. And that could prove crucial as they look to preserve their recent momentum for the final weeks of the season and collect the final few points they need to avoid a tense finish.

Standards

The result owed much to Chelsea's class and dynamism but plenty, too, to a Baggies side who fell below the exalted standards they have set in recent weeks.

For the home side it was a return to some bad old habits as the compact defending that has underpinned Hodgson's Hawthorns revival gave way to some over-expansive play that gifted the visitors the time and space they needed to turn on the counter-attacking style.

There were individual errors for good measure. Keeper Scott Carson was indecisive for Chelsea's first two goals, Nicky Shorey got in a muddle for one and the whole back four switched off for another while Odemwingie lost possession cheaply for the crucial third just before half-time.

They were aberrations that Hodgson might have half-expected after six previous matches that had brought success beyond even his wildest dreams.

Yet they were still mishaps he will doubtless spend the next week stamping on as he looks to avoid a return to the slip-shod defending that created the perilous situation he inherited in February.

Hodgson was pleased with a second-half showing that once more displayed the grit and togetherness that has returned during the early weeks of his Hawthorns mission.

He knew, though, that his side were effectively beaten before the interval once Frank Lampard had added Chelsea's decisive third goal in the final minute of the first half.

The Blues might not be close to the form that brought last season's historic double success. But they rarely let two-goal leads slip and a Baggies comeback never looked on the cards once the Londoners gave themselves breathing space.

For Hodgson and Co it no doubt proved an afternoon of frustration.

They have now conceded nine times in two meetings with the Blues this season and each goal has been a poor one for the Baggies.

Chelsea could not say the same about their own setback, which came courtesy of a fine 17th-minute Albion move and a sublime Odemwingie finish that made him his club's most successful goalscorer in a single Premier League season.

But that was as good as it got for an Albion side who could not recapture their stunning form in beating Liverpool and Sunderland and shot themselves in the foot too often.

First Carson failed to gather a Florent Malouda cross, Shorey failed to clear it and Didier Drogba buried the rebound.

Then the keeper was unable to hold another Drogba shot, no-one from the Baggies responded and Salomon Kalou pounced to put the Blues ahead.

And, with Hodgson hoping to recharge his men at half-time, he saw Lampard kill off the game with a simple finish after Odemwingie lost the ball cheaply to Drogba, whose pass allowed Malouda to square for the goal.

The second 45 minutes was better for the Baggies but Chelsea never looked in serious danger.

And the final whistle left Hodgson to reflect on his first setback in the Albion dugout.

He knows, though, that fairytales rarely go on forever.

But Albion's dream few weeks mean their season should still end happily ever after.

TALKING POINT

WHAT WAS THE BOOING ALL ABOUT?

IT only came from a tiny minority of Albion fans but, unbelievably, there was some jeering aimed towards the Baggies players when the half-time whistle sounded.

Granted, Roy Hodgson's men were below their recent standards in the first half and trailed 3-1 at the break, but this was the same team who had been unbeaten in their previous seven games to move to the brink of Premier League safety.

And they were being beaten by the defending champions.

We can only hope the majority of Baggies fans, who have been noted historically for their patience, help the fickle few to see sense.

Next three games...

TOTTENHAM (A) SAT

Albion have done well away under Roy Hodgson but they will be big underdogs against Harry Redknapp's Spurs.

VILLA (H) APR 30

The Hawthorns encounter with their derby-day bogey side could be Albion's chance to end the season as West Midlands top dogs.

WOLVES (A) MAY 8

The Baggies will hope to be safe before going to Molineux, but the game will be huge for bragging rights in any event.

Torres will have to wait

Fernando Torres rounds Scott Carson to slot home but his effort was ruled out for offside, leaving the £50m man still looking for his first Chelsea goal

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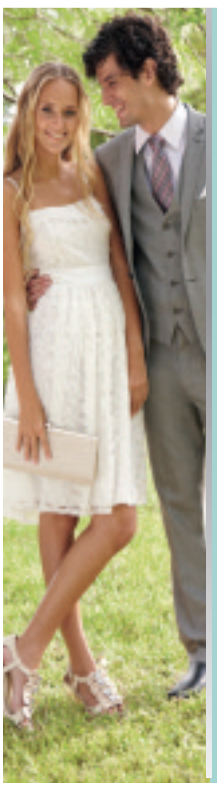

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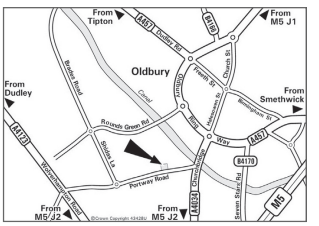

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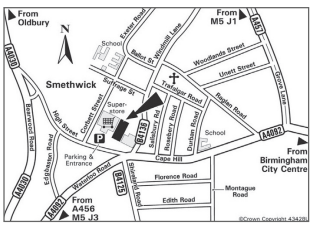

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